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Kowloon	...Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	2.22	4.35	5.29	7.21
Yaumati	...Dep.	6.50	—	—	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	2.31	4.44	5.38	7.30
Shatin	...Dep.	7.02	—	—	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	2.43	4.56	5.51	7.42
Taipo	...Dep.	7.16	—	—	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	2.56	5.09	6.04	7.55
TaipoMarket	Dep.	7.21	—	—	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	3.00	5.13	6.08	7.59
Fanling	...Dep.	7.32	—	—	10.08	11.18	12.48	2.03	3.11	5.24	6.19	8.09
Sheungshui	...Dep.	7.36	—	9.07	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	3.15	5.28	6.23	8.13
Shumchun	...Arr.	7.42	8.45	9.13	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	3.21	5.34	6.29	8.19
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Canton	...Dep.	—	—	—	—	—	2.45	—	—	—	—	3.00
Shumchun	...Dep.	7.19	8.08	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.13	5.20	5.40	6.08	6.40
Sheungshui	..Dep.	7.26	8.13	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.20	5.27	5.47	6.15	—
Fanling	...Dep.	7.31	8.17	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24	—	5.51	6.19	—
TaipoMarket	Dep.	7.41	8.27	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34	—	6.01	6.29	—
Taipo	...Dep.	7.45	8.32	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38	—	6.05	6.33	—
Shatin	...Dep.	7.58	8.45	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	5.51	—	6.18	6.46	—
Yaumati	...Dep.	8.12	8.57	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.03	—	6.30	6.58	—
Kowloon	...Arr.	8.20	9.05	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.16	6.11	6.04	6.38	7.06	7.20

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Fanling	...	7.45	11.30	2.20	3.20	6.25
Shataukok	...	8.40	12.25	3.15	4.15	7.20

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Shataukok	...	6.30	10.15	1.05	2.05	5.15
Fanling	...	7.25	11.10	2.00	3.00	6.10

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PHILIPPINES SOCIALIST EXPERIMENT FAILS.

GOVERNMENT TRADING ENTERPRISES TO BE SOLD.

UNABLE TO PAY DIVIDENDS.

Sale of the Negros sugar centrals operated by the Philippine National Bank, and of practically all the Government owned companies except the Manila Railroad, will be advocated by Governor-General Wood, says the *Manila Times*.

The Governor-General will not interfere in the negotiations but will leave the sale to the Boards of Directors of the Bank and the respective companies.

All transactions will be in the open, and the Boards are free to reject any bids which they consider disadvantageous to the Government.

Bids will not be restricted to Americans or Filipinos but will be open to foreign capitalists, except in a few cases where the ntereste of the Philippine Government might be affected.

A large number of bids is desired, and ample time will be taken in considering them.

The National Bank's resources should not be devoted primarily to a general banking business or to the support of the Negros Centrals, but should be available for other agricultural development throughout the Philippines, for coconuts, hemp, etc.

Getting The Government Out Of Business.

The foregoing were the principal points in a statement by a Malacanan spokesman. In a half hour talk, the main features of the Governor-General's long standing programme of getting the Government out of business were explained in considerable detail.

The fact was emphasized that the Government enterprises had failed to pay dividends, whereas private enterprises, notably in sugar, had "been making money hand over fist."

"Many influential members of the legislature believe that the Government funds should not be tied up or wasted on these undertakings," it was said, "but ought to be used on projects throughout the islands which cannot be left to private capital.

"The Governor-General is leaving the sale of the enterprises to the new board of directors. In electing these boards he has followed the policy of choosing an American majority in the companies managed by Filipino officials, a Filipino majority in companies managed by American officials."

Loss Expected.

Asked what prices could be expected for the Negros Centrals, the spokesman said that the Bank could not expected to get back the full investment. Most of these centrals, he pointed out were built during the pak cost of production. He intimated that a fair price would be their actual valuation at present.

The election of the new boards was carried on without friction, it was declared.

General Manager Paes of the railroad came in for praise in the statement this morning. The railroad is in the most satisfactory shape of any of the companies, it was declared. It was pointed out, however, that the company had paid no dividends, and was receiving P3,000,000 in insular aid to connect up its lines with the south.

It was intimated also that the hotel should be sold, although it had been well managed.

"That, however, is up to the directors of the railroad," it was stated.

Foreign Capital Wanted.

The Governor-General would naturally prefer to have American and Filipino capital offer to take over all the companies, but he wants to have as large a number of ibids as possible, and believes foreign investors should be given the same opportunity as any others. The only exception would be one or two companies [illegible] would be inadvisable to allow foreign capital to invest.

"But it is all rot that General Wood is going to dictate the terms on which the companies are to be disposed of," the spokesman concluded. "It is up to the directors of the companies."—*Manila Times*.

ALCOHOLISM IN AMERICA.

MOUNTING MORTALITY.

The alarming increase in deaths from alcoholism in America in the last five years, despite national prohibition, is to be considered at the national meeting of State and Territorial Boards of Health, to be held under the auspices of the United States Public Health Service. Dr. Matthias Nicoll, New York State Health Commissioner, is convinced that the steadily-mounting mortality from alcoholism to nearly the pre-prohibition level, and in some States to a higher level, presents to health authorities one of their gravest problems.

To the usual "bootleg" liquor, which may or may not contain poisonous alcohol, Dr. Nicoll attributes the extraordinary rise in the alcoholism death-rate. In Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and Massachusetts it is now four times the rate of 1920; in New York five times greater. In six years the rate has doubled in Florida, Maine, and Vermont. In Kentucky it is six times, and in Maryland ten times greater. In the forty-one States composing the United States registration area the death-rate from alcoholism has quadrupled since 1920. In some States the latest available figures are for 1923. In that year California trebled and Montana doubled its 1920 rate. In Colorado the rate was five times, in Washington one and a half times greater. Mortality from alcoholism had been declining for five years before prohibition came into effect. In the registration area it has now gone up almost to the 1915 level, while in Maryland, Massachusetts, and Michigan the present rate exceeds that of 1915, and in Kentucky it is again the same as a decade ago.

Alcoholism And Motor Accidents.

"The fact that thousands of people throughout the country are dying from alcohol, good, bad, and indifferent, deplorable, and humiliating as it is to health officials and the nation at large, is not nearly so important as the alarming increase in the death-rate from this cause, year by year," declares Dr. Nicoll. "The death-rate since 1926, almost without exception, has increased in the various States. Deaths from automobile accidents show an alarming increase, year (*Continued at foot of next column*).

ONE MAN AGAINST ELEVEN ROBBERS.

HOW A CAVITE FARMER DEFENDED HIS HOME.

How a man single-handed successfully defended his home and his family against the assaults of a gang of eleven robbers armed with revolvers is related in a report received at constabulary headquarters this morning from the provincial commander of Cavite, says the *Manila Times* of May 11th.

On the midnight of April 29th, the house of Casiano Arce, a farmer of Tanza, Cavite, was surrounded by a gang of robbers from a neighbouring barrio. Arce somehow learned that danger lurked about his home and consequently awoke his wife and other members of the family. Helping them to a safe corner of the house, he himself got his revolver and slipped away through a back ladder of the house, concealing himself later behind a "camarin." The robbers opened fire, and Arce returned fire. The gang discovered that they were at a disadvantage as they did not know where their antagonist was. Soon they noticed that several of their number had been shot and disabled. Realizing that discretion was the better part of valour, the gang escaped away with their disabled comrades. Later, constabulary soldiers discovered the body of Vicente Alix, one of the gang, in a forest. Further investigation revealed that another, Narciso Moreno, was fatally injured. Both had been hit by Arce while defending his home.

The leader of the gang is Juan de Ocampo of Tanza, Cavite. Besides the dead and injured, the other members of the band are Esteban Argame, Ignacio Hernandez, Gregorio Alcantara, Simplicio Cubol, Arcadio Pillardo and Modesto Cabanda. With the exception of the last two, all of them have been arrested.

after year, notwithstanding increased traffic regulations and severe penalties for their infraction. There can be no question that alcoholism has a very direct bearing in this matter. I am quite certain that a chart showing automobile deaths since 1920 would closely parallel that of alcoholic deaths."

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Company Meetings: Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.; British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.; and The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Union Building, 11 a.m., 11.15 a.m. and 11.20 a.m., respectively.

Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, King Edward Hotel and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division St. John Ambulance Brigade concert, Chinese Y.M.C.A., 7.30 p.m.

Dinner Dansant and Exhibition Dancing at Cafe Restaurant Parisien.

H.K. Dance Club dance Lane, Crawford's Cafe, 8.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife."

World Theatre: "Forbidden Paradise."

Star Theatre. "How Baxter Butted In" (matinees only).

Wilbur Players present "Cappy Ricks," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Inward: Australia, etc. (*Tango Maru*); Europe *viâ* Siberia (*Hessen*).

Saturday.

Ordinary General Meeting Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., noon.

Lawn Bowls League:—Division I.: K.D.R.C. *v.* Taikoo R.C.; C.C.C. *v.* Police R.C.; K.B.G.C. *v.* C.S.C.C. Division II.: Taikoo R.C. *v.* Yacht Club; C.S.C.C. *v.* E.P.R.C.; K.C.C. *v.* C.C.C.; K.B.G.C. *v.* Club de Recreio.

Tennis League:—"A" Division: U.S.R.C. *v.* H.K.C.C.; K.C.C. *v.* C.R.C.; M.B.K. *v.* University. "B" Division: U.S.R.C. *v.* H.K.C.C.; C.R.C. *v.* M.B.K.; University *v.* I.R.C.; Recreio *v.* S.C.A.A.; C.C.C. *v.* K.C.C. "C" Division: H.K.C.C. *v.* Recreio; S.C.A.A. *v.* C.R.C., Netherlands T.C. *v.* Nippon Club; Taikoo R.C. *v.* K.B.S.F.P.A.; R.A.O.C. *v.* K.C.C.

Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanling.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.

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Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe *viâ* Negapatam (*Kumsang*). Outward: Europe *viâ* Marseilles (*Kashima Maru*), 9.30 a.m.; Canada, U.S.A., etc., and Europe *viâ* Victoria (*Protesilaus*), 10.30 a.m.; Europe *viâ* Siberia (*Szechuen*), 2.30 p.m.

Sunday.

Rogation Sunday.

Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanling.

Consecration of Monsignor J.E. Walsh (Bishop-Elect Kongmoon) at Sancian (St. John's) Island. Kinshan leaves 9 p.m. Saturday.

Wilbur Players present "The Family Upstairs," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

Concert by Massed bands of Cameronians and K.O.S.B.s., Queen's Theatre, 9.20 p.m.

Monday.

Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanling.

Entries close for 4th Extra Race Meeting, 1 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, King Edward Hotel, and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner Dansant and Exhibition Dancing at Cafe Restaurant Parisien.

Dinner in honour of Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., Nam Tong Restaurant, China Building.

Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., Canada, etc. (*President Madison*, *President Harrison*, and *Taiyo Maru*). Outward: Canada, U.S.A., etc., Europe *viâ* San Francisco and *viâ* Siberia (*President Cleveland*), 5 p.m.

Tuesday.

Empire Day.

Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanling.

Empire Day Celebrations.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner Dansant and Exhibition Dancing at Cafe Restaurant Parisien.

Empire Day Concert by Band and Pipers of K.O.S.B.s., Kowloon Cricket Club, 9.15 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe *viâ* Siberia (*Berenger*), 9 a.m.; Europe *viâ* Marseilles (*Athos II.*), 10.30 a.m.; Europe *viâ* Siberia (*Angers*), 9 a.m.

Wednesday.

Tea dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, King Edward Hotel and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.

Rowing: Services race for Brown Rowing Cup, Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, 5.15 p.m.

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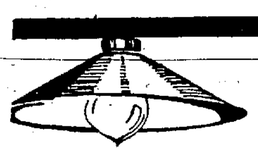
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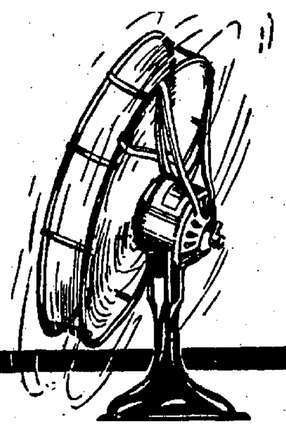
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HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

[ORDERS BY LT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O., ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.]

No. 277.

1.—King's Birthday Parade: Friday, June 3rd, 1927.

The Corps will take part in the above mentioned parade which will take place at 9 a.m. at Happy Valley. All members who are willing to turn out will give their names to their Unit Commanders as early as possible.

Special trams will leave the East bound stopping place, foot of Garden Road.

Dress: Review order khaki, helmets, khaki jackets, medals, shorts, putties, belt and bayonet, rifle and sling.

Scottish Company will conform, dressed in the kilt, as for G.O.C.'s inspection, wearing helmets.

Armoured Car and Artillery Companies will conform wearing shorts.

PRACTICE PARADES.

Thursday, May 26th, 1927

A practice parade will be held at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. To be attended by all Officers and N.C.O.'s. Mounted Infantry Company excepted. Dress: Mufti.

Men attending parades on May 30th and June 3rd, 1927, are also invited to attend. Mounted Infantry Company excepted.

Monday, May 30th.

Parade at the Football ground, special trams will leave the East bound stopping place foot of Garden Road at 5.15. Dress: Uniform, as detailed above for June 3rd, 1927.

2.—Public Holiday.

Tuesday, May 24th, 1927, will be observed as a Holiday, no parades will be held on that day.

3.—Signal Class.

Trained Men of No. 4 Platoon and those attending Signal Class from other units will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 26th, under 2/Lieut. M. G. Noll. Dress: Mufti.

4.—Artillery Company.

Parade will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Thursday, May 26th, at 5.30 p.m. for Arms Drill. Dress: Mufti, belt and frog, rifle and bayonet.

5.—Mounted Infantry Company.

All ranks will parade at Stables at 5.30 p.m. on the following dates to practice Escort Duty for King's Birthday Parade. Dress: Mufti:—

Thursday, May 19th,
Tuesday, May 24th, and
Thursday, May 26th, 1927.

Other dates will be advised later.

6.—Amoured Car Company.

Machine Gunners will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, May 23rd, for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

Motor Cyclist Section: A tactical ride will take place in the New Territories on Sunday, May 29th, 1927.

All mehbers are requested to attend.

Parade at Railway Station, Kowloon, at 10 a.m.

Dress: Tunics, breeches, putties, helmets and belt.

All N.C.O.'s will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 26th, for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

7.—Infantry Company.

On Fridays, May 20th and 27th, at 5.30 p.m. All N.C.O.'s and other ranks as detailed by O.C. Company will parade at Corps Headquarters for a special N.C.O.'s Course of Training in Vickers Gun. The classes will continue to assemble every Friday at 5.30 p.m.

8.—Scottish Company.

Thursday, May 26th, 1927.

The Route March called for this date is postponed till the Autumn.

All Platoons will parade at Platoon Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. for Lewis Gun Instruction. Platoon Commanders will make arrangements through the Adjutant for regular instructors to be present. Applies to those not attending practice parades at Corps Headquarters.

SPECIAL VICKERS GUN CLASS.

Friday, May 27th, 1927.

The following Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men will parade every Friday, at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters for class of Machine Gun Training. This will be the commencement of a course of special classes in Vickers Machine Gun instruction:

Headquarters:—Captain D. C. Logan, M.C. and Lieut. K. S. Morrison.

No. 5 Platoon:—Pte. G. R. Macaskell and Pte. J. A. Watson.

No. 6 Platoon:—Ptes. J. C. Cameron, H. G. Cooper and C. R. Logan.

No. 7 Platoon:—Capt. T. P. Saunderson, Lce.-Cpls. R. O. Sutherland and D. Lyon, and Pte. D. Harvey.

Sunday May 29th, 1927.

Teams from all platoons will compete for the "Dyer Cup" at Stonecutters Range. Firing commences at 10 a.m.

Launches: Leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. calling at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Helmets, tunics, shorts, flashes, khaki hose, short putties, boots, belt, bayonet, braces, pouches, rifle.

Range Officer: Lieut. K. S. Morrison.

Judge: Major R. A. Wolfe-Murray, D.S.O., M.C.

Conditions: 8 men from each platoon fire Part II. Musketry; 8 men from each platoon fire Attack Competition; 1 N.C.O. and 2 men each platoon fire Lewis Gun Competition.

9.—Portuguese Company.

The Company will parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, May 20th, for Lewis Gun Instruction.

Dress: Mufti. Overalls to be drawn from Store.

Musketry Part I. will be fired by the above Company at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, May 22nd, 1927.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. S. Jarvis, M.C.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. calling at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belts must be taken.

Arms: Will be drawn from Corps Headquarters to-day, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 a.m.; and on Saturday, May 21st, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Arms will not be drawn on Sunday morning.

All trained men and recruits who have fired at Kennedy Road or Peak Ranges will attend.

10.—No. 4 Platoon.

Parade at Miniature Range for musketry instruction on Wednesday, May 25th, 1927, at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Mufti.

11.—Medical Certificates.

All members wishing to obtain sick leave or exemption from duty on Medical grounds will obtain a Medical Certificate from a Medical Officer of the Corps.

Medical Officers will notify the Senior Medical Officer of such certificates issued and will immediately render a report to him whether they have granted any sick leave recently stating particulars of cause and dates.

The Senior Medical Officer will keep a register of all certificates issued and no man, whose name does not appears on this roll will be credited with sick leave. He will notify the Adjutant of all sick leave granted for including in orders.

To meet the requirements of this order it is quite sufficient for a member of failing sick to report in writing to a Medical Officer of the Corps provided the letter be accompanied by a certificate from his Medical Adviser.

12.—Strength.

The following are taken on the strength and [illegible] under:—

No. 1244 Pte. G. F. Santos, Corps Headquarters, dated May 12th, 1927.

No. 1245 Pte. H. T. G. Pearne, No. 6 Platoon, dated May 17th, 1927.

No. 1246 Pte. J. W. E. Stirling, No. 6 Platoon, dated May 17th, 1927.

No. 1247 Pte. W. N. Matchin, No. 6 Platoon, dated May 17th, 1927.

13.—Appointment.

No. 1026 Pte. S. Jex, No. 2 Platoon, is appointed Lance-Corporal, as from May 17th, 1927.

14.—Transfer.

No. 91 Gunner F. A. Britton is transferred from the Artillery Company to the Reserve Company, as from May 10th, 1927.

15.—Reversion.

No. 460 Corpl. H. T. Buxton, No. 2 Platoon, is permitted to revert to the ranks at his own request, as from May 17th, 1927.

16.—Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—

No. 733 Pte. S. R. Jones, Reserve Company, from May 31st, to October 15th, 1927.

No. 348 L/Cpl. (Drummer) A. Duncan, No. 6 Platoon, from April 22nd to October 21st, 1927.

No. 592 Drummer H. Duncan, No. 6 Platoon, from April 22nd to May 21st, 1927.

17.—Resignations.

The following are permitted to resign from the Corps:—

No. 526 Spr. C. Crofton, Engineer Company, as from May 6th, 1927.

No. 529 Pte. G. C. Worrall, M.I. Company, as from May 9th, 1927.

No. 74 L/Cpl. H. M. McTavish, No. 7 Platoon, as from May 6th, 1927.

R. A. WOLFE-MURRAY, Major,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C

Hong Kong, May 20th, 1927.

NOTICES.

1.—Artillery Company.

Subscriptions for 1927 season are now due and should be paid to the Hon. Treasurer, Gunner L. F. Nicholson, c/o Hong Kong and China Gas Co., Ltd.

The annual subscription has been fixed at $5 for each member.

2.—No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club.

Third meeting will be held at Peak Range on Sunday, May 22nd.

It is hoped that all members of the Rifle Club will endeavour to be present.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

MAY 19TH, 1927.

H.K. Bank	$1,067/65 sa.
Do., London	£117½ nom.
Chartered Bank	£20 nom.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B	£30 nom.
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East Asia Bank	$68 nom.
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Tronoh Mines	21/- nom.
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H.K. & W. Docks	$38 nom.
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Shanghai Docks	Tls. 104½ buy.
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Hong Kong Realtys	$6 sel.
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Bank Bills, at sight / Private, 30 days' sight	nom.
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HOSPITAL COMFORTS.

The Committee begs to acknowledge, with very many thanks, receipt from the Y.M.C.A. of 100 books, specially rebound, to form the nucleus of a hospital library; a supply of magazines from Mr. A. R. Sutherland; ping pong balls from the Indian School; large parcels of books and periodicals from Mrs. Shewan, Mrs. A. G. Langston, Mr. T. Dallin, Mr. G. W. C. Burnett, Mrs. W. L. Handyside.

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Leave Tsingtao	„ 17th	„ 15th	„ 12th	„ 23rd
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MAGNIFICENT HORSEMANSHIP.

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It was the most typically Australian show, says the *Brisbane Courier*, their Royal Highnesses have yet seen, and they were delighted with it.

The clever horsemanship of the American cowboy is well advertised by the cinema, but it is doubtful if he is as expert as his Australian cousin. Amazing exhibitions of bareback riding on buckjumpers and bullocks, and cattle-drafting, were given by the most expert bushmen in Southern Queensland. Their Royal Highnesses were so pleased with the display that they prolonged their stay by threequarters of an hour.

There were some thrilling incidents—when a bullock charged the crowd, and knocked one man over, without harming him, and when another bullock charged his rider, and rolled him on the ground.

The spted of the bullocks was astounding. In some cases, in the drafting competitions, they beat the horses in the race back to the yard. It was interesting to notice the co-operation between horses and riders. The horses sensed their riders' intentions, and worked with wonderful intelligence.

Aboriginal Display.

Keenly interested as their Royal Highnesses were in the bushmen's exhibition, the display by the aboriginals also gripped their attention.

Here was something altogether novel and fascinating. Fifty natives, their bodies painted fantastically, two of them with sticks through their noses, rushed on to the ring yelling and gesticulating, waving their spears and boomerangs and woomeras, and trailing toy wallaby.

The display commenced with a spear-throwing competition. The spears were thrown a great height, and, quivering in the air, landed point first in the ground Tommy Tucker, the comedian of the party, a fat man with a stick through his nose was the target.

The spears fell in showers almost at his feet, as he moved away, at various distances. The boomerang-throwing was no less interesting, and their Royal Highnesses were amazed at the natives' skill.

The shield fight between Johnson Bunda Thomas Kimbombee (all one name) and George Lane caused great amusement, the two natives showing that they know how to protect themselves.

Weird Song Of Farewell.

Then the toy wallaby was trailed around the oval at a great pace, and the natives, cheering wildly, threw their spears at it. Myrtle Douglas (masculine gender) was the first to spear it.

His comrades cheered him wildly, and three gins, clad in thickly-striped, flowing gowns, smiled their admiration their white teeth gleaming.

Tommy Waldas, a stalwart from Cook-town, delighted everyone by making a fire by rubbing two sticks together and proudly holding aloft a tuft of burning grass at the end of a spear. Finally the natives assembled in front of the Royal stand, presented two boomerangs, a nulla nulla, and a woomera to their Royal Highnesses, and sang a weird song of farewell.

While the natives, who had been brought from the Barambah settlement, were giving their primitive display, two aeroplanes flew over the ground, and a kookaburra, perched on one of the gum trees near the lagoon, put an all-Australian finishing touch to the scene by laughing hilariously.

Their Royal Highnesses laughed with the jackass. Every one laughed. Every one was happy. It was a memorable day.

The bushmen and the aboriginals had succeeded in giving the Royal visitors a glimpse of real Australian life as it is lived in the open spaces.

TENNIS AT £1,000 A NIGHT.

SUZANNE TO APPEAR THREE TIMES IN LONDON.

Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen will make her first appearance on the courts in England since she became a professional when she plays in London in the first week in July.

She has entered into a contract with Mr. C. B. Cochran for three exhibition evenings at the Holland Park Hall. It is understood that she will receive £1,000 for each of these displays.

"The hall is being reseated and special lighting will be installed," said a representative of Mr. C. B. Cochran to a press representative. "A battery of special lamps give the effect of brilliant sunlight.

"Mlle. Lenglen will bring her own party with her and make her own arrangements for her opponents."

WELSH RUGBY.

DANGER TO AMATEUR GAME.

THE ONLY HOPE FOR THE CLUBS.

The future of Welsh amateur Rugby football is obscure. Rugby League agents have been so persistent in their efforts in the Principality and have spread the news of their resources so effectively that the amateur game is assailed on all sides.

The latest development comes from an unexpected quarter. Ground landlords, reasonable in the past and willing to grant credit for long periods, are issuing ultimatums to clubs and demanding rent payments forthwith.

They know that if the amateur clubs cannot pay there are competitors in the field in the shape of professional clubs who will take over the fields with the promise of prompt payments.

How professional clubs can hope to pay their way, despite additional expenditure, when amateur clubs are beset with financial worries it is difficult to see; but that is their attitude, and ground landlords are trading upon it.

At Blaenavon, where Rugby has been played almost continuously for 50 years, the club is threatened with extinction because the recreation ground committee demand payment of £130 due for rent.

The position there is not singular; it is typical of scores of other places in South Wales. Sight is lost of the fact that the present season has been abnormal.

The full effects of the long coalfields stoppage is now being felt. At Blaenavon half the population has been unemployed for two years; at some periods the proportion has been still greater.

It is not lack of interest that has led to smaller "gates"; it is the inability of the workers to find the money for football when all they have had to exist upon in thousands of cases is parish relief.

Blaenavon Club, in order not to deprive the workers of their football entertainment, reduced admission prices to one-third; and many other clubs have done the same. Now they are badly in debt.

Grounds Scarce.

Grounds are scarce in South Wales, and any ground on which a Rugby League game is played cannot be used for the amateur game again. Thus the position is serious.

If the Welsh Union waive this rule the Scottish Rugby Union (who are watching the situation very closely) and the English and Irish Unions may step in and refuse to have anything more to do with the Principality.

The Welsh Union are fighting a stiff battle. They may not be such purists as, for instance, the Scottish Union, but they are thoroughly, strictly, honourably amateur, and it is to them that the clubs look for guidance and help.

If Wales is to be preserved for amateur Rugby there is only one course open to the Welsh Union—they should immediately call all their clubs together, ascertain the financial position of each, and in every deserving case find the money necessary to satisfy ground landlords.

Perhaps it would be creating a precedent. What matter so long as it ensures the continuity of clubs and the preservation of the game! With conditions improving, things should be healthier in the future, and such a position as now exists may never again arise.

The future of amateur Rugby in Wales is in the balance. The Welsh Union are the only body who can determine which way the balance shall fall. Even if the assistance means deferring improvements to the international grounds at Cardiff and Swansea, the sacrifice will be worth while. How will the Welsh Union act?

WOMAN MURDERED BY MISTAKE.

WEDDING GUEST WHO RESEMBLED THE BRIDE.

A sensational murder and suicide is reported from Gisborne, New Zealand, where Mrs. Queenie Pettit, wife of a prominent business man, was shot dead at a wedding party by George Nowells, a sheep farmer, who afterwards killed himself.

Mrs. Pettit attended the wedding party when she was struck by a shot fired through the window and killed. Mr. Pettit, who did not know that his wife had been killed, rushed in the direction of the shot, and saw Nowells with a gun in his hand. Mr. Pettit wrested it from him, but Nowells escaped. He was later found dead in the street.

Nowells was a young, married ex-service man, and a recent arrival from England, where his wife is believed to be at present.

It appears that he did not intend to shoot Mrs. Pettit, but Mrs. Oman, the bride at the wedding. He had previously threatened Mrs. Oman that if she married another man he would kill her. Mrs. Pettit bore a striking resemblance to the bride, and Nowells apparently made a mistake of identity.

COUNTY CRICKET.

EASY WIN FOR YORKSHIRE.

Yorkshire on their own ground at Leeds made mincemeat of Worcester. The visitors were dismissed for the tiny score of 46, Macaulay improving his analysis by 7 victims for 17 runs. Yorkshire made 291, but nearly all that was made by two "tail" bowlers, Macaulay scoring 67 and Waddington 114. The "cracks" failed and but for these two the "tykes" would have looked rather foolish. Root was bowling splendidly, taking 7 wickets for 82—and that means tough Yorkshire wickets. Again the Midlanders failed, making only 81. Robinson took 5 wickets for 28, and Macaulay 5 for 33. Yorkshire thus won by an innings and 164.

Scores:—
Worcester: 46 and 81.
Yorkshire: 291.

GOLF.

SUNDAY'S MATCH POSTPONED.

The match between a team from the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club (Senior Section) and the Junior Section (Happy Valley) which was arranged for Sunday morning at Happy Valley has been postponed until the following Sunday, May 29th. The teams will be eight a side and will play eighteen holes under handicap.

The programme for the Whitsuntide meeting is out. It is much the same as usual, except that there will be no mixed competition this year. The running bogey pool should attract many competitors, and the Medal Pool will also be popular. There is also a best ball competition (in fourballs), less half combined handicap to count, medal round. Entries in all three are unlimited.

The Bogey Pool May 21st to 23rd has been extended to cover 24th) (Empire Day).

Owing to the scarcity of entries, this month's Denison Cup competition has been extended to the 31st instant.

BASEBALL.

WAH YAN OLD BOYS WIN.

In a friendly basket ball match, played at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. playground on Wednesday evening, the Wah Yan Old Boys' Union beat the University team by 54 to 20.

BOY AND CONSTABLES.

AND A GIRL AT THE BOTTOM OF IT.

A Chinese detective, a Chinese constable and a Chinese boy were the protagonists in a case heard before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

The whole trouble was due to a Chinese girl. One day she was carrying her brother in her arms and stood at the roadway to watch the antics of a Chinese comedian. The boy was alleged to have thrown some dried chips at her; she resented it and the boy assaulted her.

The two Chinese policemen came along and took the boy to the Station. The boy alleged that on the way to the Station he was badly beaten by the two constables.

In order to find out who is to blame, his Worship adjourned the case.

AT THE CINEMA.

"BLUEBEARD'S EIGHTH WIFE."

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

The story of "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife" is exactly in the most popular Elinor Glyn tradition, and the film version has been adapted from the stage play of the same name which enjoyed a long run both in Paris and London.

Despite its somewhat exotic sentiment, it is light and amusing all through, and is a capital entertainment. Gloria Swanson is as attractive as ever and her dresses are as marvellous. She has proved herself capable of playing parts which require more subtlety than that of Monna Brandon, but she is thoroughly satisfactory in the part, which we think not many of our present film stars would have been. It is the type of rôle for which Eleanor Boardman is so often cast and if this actress has studied Miss Swanson in "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife" it should improve her technique immensely.

Brandon, the American millionaire who has divorced seven wives before he marries Gloria, is excellently played by Huntley Gordon, and despite his reputation it is only a short while before he gains the whole hearted sympathy of the audience. He looks and behaves like a gentleman however trying his eighth wife may be, and one is glad when the inevitable happy ending arrives.

The Egyptian party is a clever idea which is new to the screen and is very well worked out. It might offer a hint as to the better staging of mannequin parades if we must have them.

Certainly go to see "Bluebeard" you will enjoy it—and also the second lesson in the Charleston which preceeds it.

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IS ITS CRUST UNSTABLE?

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Is the earth's crust at present in an unstable condition?

Sir Oliver Lodge, the eminent scientist, thinks that it is, and fresh evidence to confirm the view is forthcoming in events which occurred in the middle of last month. These included:

A great earthquake in Chile and the Argentine, on both sides of the Andes, involving the loss of 50 lives and the destruction of much property.

Interference with cable communication lines between Europe and America.

Great storms in Southern Spain and Northern Morocco.

Auroral beams flashing in the sky at many places in the route of the disturbances, suggesting that although they began with earth tremors they were accompanied by, or produced in certain localities, electro-magnetic storms in the ether.

Sir O. Lodge's Statement.

Sir Oliver Lodge has predicted that there will be more earthquake shocks throughout the world this year.

"I do not know the reason," Sir Oliver said, "but there is abundant proof that the earth's crust is at present in an unstable condition. Further earth disturbances must be expected, because when the crust of the earth gives way in one place it is bound to do so sooner or later in other places.

Not Atmospherics.

"There may possibly be a connection between the disturbances of the earth and those in the air, but I would attribute the trouble which has occurred with cable services to violent convulsions of the floor of the ocean."

Sir Oliver Lodge said he thought the electrical phenomena of the storm and their effects were due to earth currents and not to atmospheric influences, and his belief is supported by the experience of the Transatlantic wireless telephone service, on which transmission and reception were excellent about that time.

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HONG KONG.

THE SINKING OF THE "LEUNG KWONG."

COURT OF INQUIRY EXONERATES "MOON SHINE."

PIRACY GRILLES QUESTION OUTSIDE COURT'S JURISDICTION.

When the enquiry into the sinking of the s.s. *Leung Kwong* was resumed yesterday, it was definitely stated that the Court would not enquire into the question of the piracy grilles which were said to have been responsible for the loss of about 70 lives. The President said that the scope of the Court was limited and that only facts concerning the collision would be gone into. This was done and after the evidence had been heard, the Court exonerated the coxswain of the *Moon Shine* from all blame.

The enquiry into the collision between the steam launch *Moon Shine* and the s.s. *Leung Kwong* at Capsuimun Pass on May 9th, which resulted in the sinking of the latter steamer, was resumed yesterday at the Marine Court.

The officers of the Court were:—Lieut.-Comdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., Acting Harbour Master (President), Comdr. C. A. Merriman, R.N., Capt. T. B. Nelson, master of the s.s. *Protesilaus*, Capt. G. A. C. Moss, master of the s.s. *Antung*, and Capt. R. N. Stevens, master of the s.s. *Kwangtung*.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. T. G. Bennett, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared for the owners of the steam launch *Moon Shine*, and Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. Hugh Jones of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, was for the owners of the s.s. *Leung Kwong*. Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton appeared to watch the case on behalf of the China Coast Officers' Guild.

Question Of Loss Of Life Debarred.

At the commencement of the hearing, the President (Lieut.-Comdr. J. B. Newill) announced that the Court was dealing with the circumstances of the collision in so far as the *Moon Shine* was concerned, as she is a vessel under British registry. The scope of the Court was limited but any relevant facts concerning the loss of life would be considered.

Replying to Mr. Sheldon, the President said that any action which might arise from the finding of the Court was another matter. The question of loss of life by negligence did not come within the jurisdiction of the Court.

Mr. Brutton asked permission to address the Court and said that if the *Leung Kwong* was absolved from blame, the question of the loss of life could not be brought up, but if that the ship was found responsible, then the question would undoubtedly arise. Evidence, he said, up to the present had been relevant to the collision only without any reference to the loss of life. It must be borne in mind, he said, that the question of a master's ticket was involved and the loss of life would, therefore, have to be considered.

Replying to Mr. Brutton, the President said that the Court's jurisdiction did not extend to the consideration of the competency of the master of the *Leung Kwong*, but if thought necessary, would be for another Court—one which had power to deal with the actions of a British master of a foreign ship.

Quartermaster's Story.

Evidence was then taken from Tam Ku, quartermaster of the *Leung Kwong*. He said he was in the wheel-house from the time the vessel left Hong Kong until the collision. The ship passed the white light at Capsuimun Pass at a distance of about 1½ ship's length. When the *Moon Shine* was first sighted, the *Leung Kwong* was abeam of the white light and to the Red Light on the Northern bank. The *Moon Shine's* green light was to the left of the red light on the shore and later it was seen to be on the right of the red light.

Witness further stated that when entering the channel he took a straight course, and that after passing the white light, he heard two blasts blown by the *Leung Kwong*. There was no answer, and the *Leung Kwong* altered course a little to the south bank. The *Leung Kwong* after altering her course gave another two blasts, which were answered by the *Moon Shine*, and the *Leung Kwong's* course was again altered to the south bank. Just before the impact, witness said that he first saw the red light of the *Moon Shine*.

Mr. Bennett: Is the *Leung Kwong* your first ship?—No.

Mr. Bennett: How is the *Leung Kwong* steered?—By wheel.

Mr. Bennett: You steer by the compass?—Only in dark weather, but I did not use compass on that night.

Mr. Bennett: You take your orders from the pilot?—Yes.

Mr. Bennett: Is it your duty to keep a look-out?—Yes.

Mr. Bennett: Is the wheel house enclosing the wheel?—Yes.

Mr. Bennett: In what manner do you usually navigate this channel?—When leaving West Point, we take a course straight towards the white light, then north side of channel.

Lam Po, light-house keeper, when called to the witness-box threw very little light on the incident. He said he remembered the *Leung Kwong* having passed but could not give her position at or before the time of the collision. He could not see the *Moon Shine* as she was obstructed from his view.

The assistant compradore of the *Leung Kwong*, Li Yat Po, said that he could not say exactly how many passengers were in the steerage. The fares had not been collected and it was only through that means could the number be arrived at. There were, however, 6 passengers in the European saloon, 11 or 12 in the Chinese cabin and about thirty in the second class. He thought that there must have been about 80 passengers in the steerage.

The pilot of the *Leung Kwong* was then recalled and questioned by the President as to how he had always navigated the channel. He declared that he had always observed the rule of the road. He generally kept a centre course or slightly to the side of the light-house.

"Moon Shine's" Coxswain Criticised.

Addressing the Court, Mr. Sheldon said that the question was whether the *Leung Kwong* was on the south part of the channel and whether the *Moon Shine* was in fact on the north bank of the channel. Counsel submitted that if the evidence of the coxswain was to be believed that he was steering for point 25, which was straight ahead, he would, therefore, have been on the north side and not on the south side of the channel as he claimed to be. "It was the alteration by the *Moon Shine* of her course to star board, when within 250 feet of the *Leung Kwong* that had made the collision inevitable," said Mr. Sheldon.

Continuing, Mr. Sheldon said that the story of the coxswain of the *Moon Shine* that he had never heard of the stone pier at Ma Wan Bay, was simply unbelievable. This pier, counsel said, was clearly marked on the chart and the coxswain had admitted in his evidence that he had been through the Pass from 30 to 40 times. Mr. Sheldon suggested that the coxswain did not want it to be known that he was in the Bay before the accident, and had, therefore, denied knowing the pier.

Mr. Bennett's Reply.

Mr. Bennett then rose to address the Court on behalf on the *Moon Shine*. He reviewed the evidence of the witnesses from the two ships, and criticised the evidence of the *Leung Kwong* witnesses for their lack of accurate detail. Nothing, Counsel said, was given as to the *Moon Shine's* movements from the time they alleged she was in the Bay. On the other hand, Counsel pointed out, the *Moon Shine's* witnesses had given a detailed story of the movements of both ships at all vital times.

Continuing, Mr. Bennett said that according to the position given by the *Leung Kwong*, the *Moon Shine* must have travelled twice the distance of the sunken ship in one minute and a half from Ma Wan Bay to the point of collision.

If the *Leung Kwong* was correct she was still in the wrong. Being a crossing ship, having another on her starboard side, she should have kept clear.

Speaking of the sounding of the blasts, Counsel said that in this matter Capt. Wilson, Capt. Johnson, master of the *Kwong Fook Cheong*, and the coxswain of the *Moon Shine* had all agreed in their evidence that only one blast had been heard. Counsel suggested that the two blasts had been brought into the story of the *Leung Kwong* in order that they might have some excuse for their movement in being on the wrong side of the channel.

Dealing with the question of tides, Mr. Bennett said that the tide as given by the pilot of the *Leung Kwong* was wrong, this being proved by an extract from the local tide tables.

In conclusion, Mr. Bennett said that if at any time the *Moon Shine* had been in Ma Wan Bay, it would have been a perfectly simply matter for evidence to be produced from that locality by the *Leung Kwong*.

The Court at this juncture adjourned until 2.30 in order to consider the finding.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

KOWLOON TONG 'BUS SERVICE.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—In pursuance of requests made recently by both the Kowloon Residents' Association and the Association of Subscribers to the Kowloon Tong Building Scheme regarding a 'bus service for convenience of Kowloon Tong residents, arrangements have now been completed to run 'buses into the Estate during rush hours of the day. Particular attention has been paid to the transportation of office-goers residing in Kowloon Tong in the morning, while the same facility is repeated in the evening.

Beginning from to-morrow morning, reserved buses will go into Kowloon Tong Estate *vid* Montague Ede Road. They will stop at Ede Park, make a circuit of same, and come out again by the same road to Prince Edward Road, thence to Star Ferry. Five such 'buses will go into the Estate every morning, their respective departing times from Kowloon Tong being 8, 8.15, 8.30, 8.45 and 9 a.m. In the evening between 5 and 6 p.m. every route No. 6 'bus (with the exception of the big ones which are difficult to run into the Estate on account of their size) leaving Star Ferry to Kowloon City will go into the Kowloon Tong Estate as above mentioned before proceeding to final destination.

We presume that 'buses leaving the Kowloon Tong Estate in the morning will be filled with passengers destined for Star Ferry only; hence, the suggestion of a "special" non-stop 'bus service is not necessary.

On account of various obstacles which are difficult for this company to surmount, we cannot run non-stop 'buses from Star Ferry to Kowloon Tong in the evening, but we think the present arrangement will be satisfactory for the time being. However, this company is always willing to consider proposals for convenience of the travelling public.

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THE COURT'S FINDING.

No Blame Attached To "Moon Shine's" Coxswain.

On the Court re-assembling shortly after 2.30, the President read the finding of the Court, which was as under:

"We find that the *Moon Shine*, a British ship of 33 tons nett, of which Li Hung is the coxswain, was at the Northern entrance of the Kap Sing Mun Pass proceeding from Lin Tin to Hong Kong at about 7.30 p.m. on May 9th. Her speed was about 6 knots.

At the same time the *Leung Kwong*, a passenger steamer of 398 tons nett, under the Chinese flag, was at the Southern entrance to the Pass bound for Wangmun at a speed of about 8 knots. Her master was James Wilson, who holds a British certificate of competency as master.

The *Leung Kwong* passed close round Kap Sing Island and altered course across the Pass towards its Western shore, having signalled her intention of doing so by sounding two blasts.

The *Moon Shine* simultaneously proceeded along the Western side of the Channel and the vessels collided. The *Leung Kwong* was struck on the starboard bow by the stem of the *Moon Shine* and sank in less than 10 minutes.

Prior to the sinking of the *Leung Kwong* the *Moon Shine* proceeded alongside her and embarked a large number of the passengers and crew.

The collision occurred close to the Western shore of the Pass.

The s.s. *On Lee* and the s.s. *Kwong Fook Cheong*, who were in the vicinity, were instrumental in saving a large number of lives.

The Court finds that the *Moon Shine* was navigated in a proper manner and that no blame is attached to the coxswain of this ship."

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Canton is quiet and there have been no serious labour disputes for the past few months. The result is a fairly steady revival in trade.

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There is, however, no stable Government authority in the Southern Capital and both in the City and in the Province of Kwangtung various political factions and labour organisations are still intriguing for mastery. The Communists have suffered a "set back," but in many districts they are still powerful and are maintaining some show of resistance to Government troops.

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The fact that the "Lungshan" was fired upon by soldiers near the Whampoa forts when she was making her ordinary daily trip to Canton demonstrates the lack of discipline among Cantonese troops. A protest was lodged by the British Consul.

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The Company meetings held during the week, reports of which appear in To-day's issue of the *WEEKLY PRESS*, give interesting reviews of trade conditions during 1926.

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UNIONS REGAINING POWER?

STRIKE COMMITTEE STILL FUNCTIONING.

RICE CROPS IN DANGER.

"RED" ATROCITIES IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Troops guarding the headquarters of the Canton Strike Committee have been withdrawn, and the strike pickets are once more being allowed to function. The Committee was not disbanded at the time of the Anti-Red *coup* as some of the leaders were not "Reds." There is now a rumour in Canton that some of the "Reds" are still holding power as officials of the Canton Strike Committee. They are now advocating a scheme under which the $1,500,000, which the merchants are raising with the idea of paying a handsome bonus to the strikers and then disbanding them, should be turned over to these officials. The idea is that they should start a factory in which the strikers will find work. It may sound pretty but both merchants and pickets know quite well what happens to money entrusted to labour leaders.

It is said that when the Canton Strike Committee is finally disbanded those of its officials who are now in prison for "irregular practices" in the administering of the organization will be gradually released. One of the first, it is said, will be Mr. Chui Kung Hap, a former barber in the Chinese Y.M.C.A. barber shop at Hong Kong, but later a "judge" in the Strike Committee Court set up to "try" persons for breaking anti-British boycott rules.

The Chinese Seamen's Union in Canton is to be reorganized and its committee will be elected by its members instead of being appointed by outside authorities. A number of leaders of this Union, who were prominent ornaments of the "Red" section, left Canton hastily a month ago in order to avoid arrest and imprisonment. This has made a new election of officials necessary.

The search for "Reds" in Canton is still going on busily and on the 18th of May, and a number of houses in the 18th Ward, the best known shopping district in the City are suspected of harbouring extremists.

The 13 leading cigarette manufacturers in Canton have been forced to close temporarily by a strike of their employees who are demanding an increase of wage, which the employers refused to grant. The Nanying Brothers have been doing very little business in Canton since the closing of their factories in Hong Kong and the British American Tobacco Company now enjoy practically a monopoly in and around Canton.

The Kuomintang Foreign Office is officially still in Canton, and was never formally transferred to any other place. Since the assumption of the title of Kuomintang Foreign Minister by Dr. C. C. Wu, the Canton Office staff have decided to forget Mr. Chen and use the name of Dr. Wu. It is thought that Dr. Wu will make the present office in Canton a Bureau of Foreign Office Affairs with either Mr. Foo Ping Sheung or Mr. Tam Shiu Wai in charge. Mr. Foo and Mr. Tam are brothers-in-law of Dr. C. C. Wu and until one or other takes up the job, Mr. Luke King For is carrying on.

On account of lack of business, the Sunning Railway has decided to discharge about 300 workmen in the Szeyap district and the Yuch-Han is getting rid of 156.

The concession claimed by the Cantonese to send their letters for three cents instead of four is to be abolished. Henceforth, domestic mails will cost four cents a letter.

The Shan Pu Piao lottery monopoly in Canton has been granted to a local militarist at $283,100 a month. When the "Reds" had control of the Financial Ministry, the monopolists paid only about $60,000 a month.

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SUMMER CRUISES.

BLUE FUNNEL ENTERPRISE.

A MONTH'S ROUND TRIP.

SHANGHAI, TSINGTAO, WEI-HAI-WEI, PEKING AND DAIREN.

The Blue Funnel Line have just announced that they have arranged special summer cruises for which four of their largest vessels will be employed—the *Sarpedon*, *Patroclus*, *Antenor* and *Hector*. These boats, of course, are well and favourably known to all Hong Kong residents and it will be generally conceded that they provide all the facilities required for a pleasant holiday at sea.

The cruise outlined is one which occupies approximately a month. The *Sarpedon* will leave here next Thursday, (6th inst.), the *Patroclus* on June 23rd, the *Antenor* on July 21st and the *Hector* on August 25th.

A call will be made at Shanghai, then on to Tsingtao and Weihaiwei and from there to Taku Bar for Tientsin and Peking. Approximately four days will be allowed for a visit to China's capital and then the cruise will be continued to Dairen, which is some twenty miles by road from Port Arthur and will be the most northerly point of the trip. The return voyage will be made by the same route but on the way back there will be a stay of approximately six days in Shanghai. The whole cruise will occupy two days over the month.

Cruises of this nature have been organised by the Blue Funnel line from Shanghai in previous years and have proved exceedingly popular. This is the first time, however, that such trips have been arranged from Hong Kong. Residents therefore who have been unable to make up their minds this year whether to go to Weihaiwei, or Tsingtao, or Peking or Port Arthur can compromise on the matter most satisfactorily by going to them all. And, moreover, they will be able to dance both going and coming for, of course, these large Blue Funnel liners carry bands and musical and other entertainments will be arranged on board.

WHAMPOA ACADEMY OFFICIAL DETAINED.

CHARGE OF POSSESSING SEDITIOUS MATTER.

When the s.s. *Suchow* arrived here from up river on Tuesday, the Police made their usual search of passengers, and seditious matter was alleged to have been found on Ma Chuen Chin, who described himself as the secretary of the Whampoa Military Academy.

When taken before Mr. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Mr. Ma said that he was 37 years of age and a native of Chekiang. Sergt. Barnicle, prosecuting, asked for a remand in order that the documents seized could be fully translated. This was granted.

EAST AND WEST RIVERS RISING.

The West River, and the East River are both rising, and reports from Poklo state that this district, which was the heaviest sufferer during the fight between the "anti-Reds" and the "Reds," is now being inundated in a number of places. Hundreds of rice patches are being flooded to a depth of from five to six inches. A failure of the crop is not impossible, if this continues much longer.

THE "RED" TRAIL.

Reports from Hoifung state that the "Reds" have now been driven off; but that before they evacuated the seat of the district government, they put to death a number of local officials, including the Magistrate and his staff. The Municipal Director of Swatow was also a victim of "Red" terrorism. He was shot either on May 7th or 8th.

When the "Reds" evacuated Shiukwan a fortnight ago they raided the Branch of the Kuomintang Central Bank and took all available cash. To restore confidence at Shiukwan, the Central Bank head office at Canton has had to rush specie to that city in preparation for re-opening the Branch and to meet possible demands for redemption of the notes now in circulation in that vicinity. At least a million dollars are said to be required to rehabilitate the bank at Shiukwan.

NATIONALIST AIMS.

DR. C. C. WU'S STATEMENT.

NO RESENTMENT AGAINST FOREIGNERS.

"A SIMPLE AND REASONABLE REQUEST."

Dr. C. C. Wu, who has assumed office as the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Nationalist Government at Nanking, and in some respects, therefore, has taken the place of Mr. Eugene Chen, the Nationalist Foreign Minister at Hankow, has just issued a statement outlining the policy of the Nationalist Government. Dr. Wu's statement, of course, must be taken as representing General Chiang Kai Shek's views. According to the Nanking correspondent of the *Canton Gazette* it is as follows:

"With the removal on April 18th of the seat of the Nationalist Government to the historic capital of China, Nanking, another stage has been reached in the Chinese Nationalist movement. The, opposing forces, Progress and Reaction, which came to grips in 1911, have continued their struggle up to the present time, but there can be no doubt as to the ultimate triumph of the cause of Progress which has been consistently championed by the Kuomintang.

The principles of the Kuomintang have moulded the though: of new China, and the Government founded on these principles has in the short space of two years extended its jurisdiction from Canton to more than half of China including the richest, most populous, and most progressive cities and provinces. The rest of China will in the near future also be delivered from militarism and mis-government.

The presence in the party of Communist influences at variance with the precepts of the Kuomintang has during the past few weeks brought what hitherto has been an internal schism to an open split. Nevertheless, as these influences are small, there is very confidence that they will very shortly be completely eliminated and that solidarity will be re-established in the ranks of the followers of Dr. Sun Yat Sen.

The installation of the Nationalist Government at Nanking affords an opportunity to make a public statement of its foreign policy. The Government, guided by the teachings of Dr. Sun, considers it its paramount duty, in accordance with the will of the entire Chinese people, to emancipate China from her state of international bondage and to secure for her an equal status in the family of nations, a status to which her civilization, resources, and population entitle her.

China is fettered on every hand by treaties and conventions modelled after those imposed upon her nearly a hundred years ago. There are few agreements between nations, even when concluded on terms of equality, which have survived after the lapse of a century; is it reasonable to insist upon China's observance of antiquated and unequal treaties when the political, social, and economic conditions of the country, affecting both Chinese and foreigners, have undergone fundamental changes?

These treaties have on the one hand seriously impeded the development of the nation; on the other hand they have failed to accomplish the supposed object of protecting foreign interests and promoting foreign trade. Foreign interests are best protected and foreign trade best promoted by mutual good-will, and genuine goodwill cannot exist so long as anachronistic and humiliating treaties are enforced. In the common interest of Chinese and foreigners alike, a fundamental readjustment of the existing treaty relations is imperative.

Abrogating Of Treaties.

The Nationalist Government addresses itself to the task of the abrogation of the unequal treaties, and will employ for that purpose all legitimate means. It has taken note of the statements emanating from authorised spokesmen of the foreign governments as to the inapplicability of the existing treaties and their readiness to meet the wishes of the Chinese people.

With every confidence in the good intention of the foreign governments this Government earnestly hopes that negotiations with a view to the conclusion of new treaties will immediately be opened. Technicalities should be discarded in order to achieve, in the shortest possible period, the aim of restoring harmonious relations between China and the foreign nations.

Meanwhile, the Nationalist Government will do all in its power to protect foreign life and property according to the generally accepted rules of international law. The resentment of the Chinese to the foreigner is not to him individually but to the system under which he lives. The Chinese object, not to the presence of the foreigner, but to his position of privilege. They consider that the foreigner should be placed on a footing of equality with the people among whom he has voluntarily chosen to live and trade.

Privileges Of Foreigners.

In the forthcoming negotiations for the abrogation of the special privileges of foreigners in China, the Nationalist Government trusts that the foreign governments and peoples will display far-sighted statesmanship and practical wisdom in the solution of the outstanding problems of the world to-day. The Chinese people, irrespective of geographical situation and political creed, are all united in demanding international justice and fairplay. In the interest of the peace and welfare of the world, such a simple and reasonable request by a quarter of the human race ought not to be made in vain.

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PRISONER'S SUCCESSFUL DEFENCE.

WOMAN COMPLAINANT'S ALLEGATIONS.

"HARD SWEARING" SOMEWHERE.

At the Criminal Sessions, before the acting Puisne Judge (Mr. P. Jacks) yesterday afternoon a Chinese was charged with taking part in a robbery with other Chinese; assisting in the gagging of a woman, with an orange and wire, threatening her with a revolver and also with hanging her up with a wire so that she was in danger to strangulation.

He entered a plea of "not guilty."

From the story of the prosecution, as outlined by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith (Assistant Crown Solicitor) it appeared that a pair of ear rings, a pair of bangles, a finger ring and $25 in money were stolen.

It was stated that prisoner was in the habit of borrowing money from a man living on the third floor of No. 241, Portland Street, Mongkoktsui.

On March 26th, about 9 p.m., it was alleged that prisoner came to the house to ask for a loan, but the wife of the man referred to reminded him that he had borrowed money already but had failed to repay it. At this juncture of the conversation, the woman's husband came in and agreed with his wife's view. Prisoner was then stated to have left the house, remarking something to the effect that he would "remember this."

Gagged And Suspended.

On the following day, about noon, the woman in question opened the door in response to a knock and three strange men entered the house. They pushed her into the kitchen, and the woman alleged that she saw prisoner who carried a revolver among them. He seized her by the throat and she was gagged with an orange and wire and by means of another wire she was hung up to a nail on the wall, her toes barely touching the ground, so that she was in danger of strangulation.

According to this witness's evidence she was robbed of her jewellery and money was taken from a wooden box.

She also alleged that prisoner pushed the weapon he had against her and that the others kicked her. After their departure she freed herself from her precarious position and attracted the attention of a neighbour by her cries for help. This neighbour came in to find her spitting blood.

The prisoner was arrested on the same day, and complainant picked him out on an identification parade.

Prisoner's Emphatic Denial.

After evidence had been taken to complete the case for the Crown, the prisoner made a long statement. In this he emphatically denied complicity in the robbery. He stated that he was not near the house at the time, having drunk so much wine at a birth celebration that he slept it off during the morning, but later in the day he went to a tea shop.

He put the fact that he was accused of taking part in the robbery down to a grudge on the part of complainant because he had borrowed money from her husband and not paid it back, and because he had quarrelled with him over it. He was not in the house on the day of the robbery at all. When arrested while drinking tea at a certain restaurant he told the constable that he had not committed the robbery, "But I was taken to the police station." Prisoner further said he had been employed by complainant's husband, but this was denied by the other side.

Prisoner called several witnesses, all of whom spoke as to his character, and said that he had been a *foki* of the complainant's husband, and that he was not guilty of robbery.

The jury eventually returned a verdict of "not guilty," and prisoner was accordingly discharged.

ROBBERS SENTENCED.

GAGGED VICTIMS WITH POTATOES.

FIVE YEARS' GAOL.

Two out of three Chinese who committed robbery at No. 8, Star Street, near Queen's Road East, at the early hour of 3 a.m., and decamped with numerous articles and $15 in money, after gagging their women victims with potatoes, received punishment at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, when the acting Puisne Judge (Mr. P. Jacks) sentenced them to five years' hard labour each, following their conviction by the jury.

The two men were alleged to have stolen, in company with another confederate, bangles, seven headdress rings, ten pearls, hairpin, ear pick, eight pieces of clothing, nine rings, and $15 in money.

Mr. H. K. Holmes prosecuted for the Crown, and the prisoner who pleaded guilty were not represented.

In outlining the circumstances, Mr. Holmes said a married woman named Yu Yuk Kwong, living at 8, Star Street, was awakened at three o'clock on the morning of April 6th by a hand grasping her throat. She tried to call for help, but was threatened by a man who held a dagger, and who was with two others. Two of the men took in active part in the robbery, while the third man appeared to be guarding the door.

The woman was gagged with a sweet-potato, which was fixed into her mouth of means of wire. On the same floor were living her grandmother and her small daughter. The men also secured the old woman, and removed a ring from her finger, but they did not molest the daughter.

The men then proceeded to ransack the place, and the articles mentioned in the charge were afterwards found to be missing. They left about five o'clock, after which the woman Yu freed herself with difficulty and raised an alarm.

The first prisoner was arrested ten days later, when he told the police that if they would wait a bit the second man would come. The police accordingly waited, and when the second man appeared he was also arrested.

Mr. Holmes said that was about the only evidence they had against the first prisoner, because the women were unable to identify him although the electric lights were on at the time. They were, however, able to identify the second man. Mr. Holmes remarked that as No. 2 seemed to be definitely one of the men who took part, the first man's remark seemed to show he was a confederate. The two men took the police to a pawn shop, where two articles of property were recovered, but the pawnbroker was unable to remember who took the articles there.

When charged at the Police Court Court the first prisoner said he had nothing to say, and added that those who ran away took the articles. The second prisoner, in his statement, denied that he carried a dagger.

After hearing the evidence, and the statements of the prisoners, which tallied with those made when first charged. His Lordship sentenced each of them to five years' hard labour.

A SEDITIOUS BOOK.

CHINESE HEAVILY FINED.

The two Chinese who were arrested and charged last week for having in their posse ion seditious matter were brought up on remand before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning.

Hou Tang Fung who was arrested as he landed from the s.s. *Paul Beau* was dealt with first, he having pleaded "guilty" at the previous hearing.

After reading the translation made at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, Mr. Lindsell said: "This book contains articles which are practically anti-British."

Accused: That book is not mine. A friend put it in my box.

Magistrate: That is not what you said last week. You admitted possession, then.

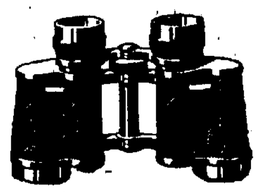
Accused: All my books bear my name.

Magistrate: I don't care if it is yours or not. It was found in your possession—$250 or three months.

With regard to Chan Kai Fung who arrived here on the s.s. *Fatshan*, and who had pleaded "not guilty" when originally charged, Mr. Lindsell said: "The S.C.A. suggest that the case against you be withdrawn. There is nothing of a seditious nature in the books at all. You are discharged."

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No. 1 of 1927.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that FRIDAY, the 27TH DAY OF MAY, 1927, at 2.30 o'CLOCK in the AFTERNOON precisely, has been fixed for the FIRST GENERAL MEETING OF CREDITORS in the above matter, to be held at the CITY HALL, Victoria, Hong Kong.

No Creditor can vote unless he previously proves his Debt at least 24 Hours before the Meeting.

Forms of Proof can be obtained and filled in at the OFFICIAL RECEIVER'S OFFICE during Office Hours.

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Dated this 11th Day of May, 1927.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Certificate No. 5/NS 8848 dated Hong Kong, 20th JULY, 1923, for Twelve Shares, Numbered 130330/130541 inclusive, and Certificate No. 5/NS 10416 dated Hong Kong, 6th APRIL, 1925, for Six Shares Numbered 55749 to 55750 and 131549 inclusive, all registered in the Name of AUGUSTE MAURICE CHAMRION, have been LOST or STOLEN, and should these Certificates not be produced to the Bank before the 10TH JUNE, 1927, New Certificates for the Shares will be issued and the aforesaid Certificates Nos. 5/NS 8848 and 5/NS 10416 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as *Null* and *Void*.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
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Hong Kong, 11th May, 1927. [4909

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INTIMATIONS.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office, UNION BUILDING, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 20TH MAY, 1927, at 11 o'CLOCK A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st DECEMBER, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from MAY 4TH to MAY 20TH, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, April 25th, 1927. [4835

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MAY 4TH to MAY 20TH, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, April 25th 1927. [4836

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, UNION BUILDING, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 20TH MAY, 1927, at 11.20 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st DECEMBER, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MAY 4TH to MAY 20TH, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER.
General Manager.
Hong Kong, April 25th, 1927. [4837

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17TH to 21ST of MAY, Both Days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 6th May, 1927. [4897

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NOTICE.

THE FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, PEDDER STREET, on TUESDAY, 7TH JUNE, 1927, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1926.

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HONG KONG, MAY 20TH, 1927.

FRUITS OF NATIONALISM.

OUR Chinese correspondent recently remarked that the star of the late Dr. SUN YAT SEN'S family appeared to be on the wane. This fall in family fortunes synchronises with the discovery that the political bequests of the late leader of the Kuomintang are, when applied to the practical business of the world, less attractive than when declaimed from a platform or perused in the quiet of some leisure hour. The merchants and propertied classes of Canton, in particular, must be ruminating upon the extreme expensiveness of the Nationalism of Dr. SUN YAT SEN. From the patriotic point of view the call of the Nationalists was for a strong and united China, able to take her place among the nations, after the manner of Japan. There was to be an end of Foreign tutelage in such matters as railways and customs, and a general return of those foreign concessions which had some mysterious power of attracting Chinese wealth and trade.

That was the theory. In practice "nationalism" has meant for the Cantonese the boycott, disorder, excessive taxation and the Northern expedition. Two years ago, trade and development prospects were good. To-day it is easy to imagine even a patriotic Cantonese pondering the provincial budget, and reflecting whether a better return might not have been obtained for the money expended upon strike pickets and CHIANG KAI SHEK'S military success. Supposing the resources squandeered in this way had been devoted to public works in Kwangtung alone what vast improvements might have been effected. Roads and railways might have been built to bring in the produce from the country districts. Greater educational facilities could have been provided and agricultural improvements introduced which would have brought direct and personal advantage to every citizen. Under such a stimulus trade would have flourished and the lot of the worker for whose welfare the Nationalist leaders profess such concern would have been infinitely happier than it is to-day.

At one period it seemed possible that some attention would be paid to routine administration, with resulting benefit to the Province. There was a time when the management of affairs appeared to be in capable hands. But Kwangtung was regarded as too small an area for Nationalist experiments. These new leaders were not satisfied with a Province, loyal to them and their aims, in which to demonstrate their capabilities. Nothing less than the whole of China under their control would satisfy their ambition. The result is the chaos we see to-day. Even if all the members of the Kuomintang had been true patriots, working solely in the interests of their own country, the task they undertook was immeasuredly beyond their strength. CHIANG KAI SHEK is now supposed to have eliminated the Communists, but does that mean peace? He appears intent upon victories further North, but even supposing he reaches Peking, what then? No one will suggest seriously that he is able to consolidate his territory, maintain effective control over it or establish a "democratic" Government to supervise its administration. The further away he goes the more likely are dissensions in his rear. Each province, almost each district, is now governed, if such a word can be used in this connection, by the general who happens to command the local troops.

Such are the fruits of Nationalism as interpreted by the Chinese at the behest of Dr. SUN YAT SEN. It would be strange if the average man of property in Canton did not, at last, grow heartily sick of Dr. SUN'S ideals and of his relatives who have taken a leading part in the attempt to carry them into effect.

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One Chinese case of small-pox was reported on Wednesday.

Sunday, according to the old Chinese calendar, is the Festival of Small Fulness (*Hsiao-man*).

Mr. W. Faid of the Hong Kong University, and Mrs. Faid were among the passengers who left by the s.s. *Taiping* for Australia on Wednesday.

The combined bands of the Cameronians and the King's Own Scottish Borderers will give another concert at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday evening, beginning at 9.20.

Attempting to cross in front of a tram-car on Wednesday afternoon, a motor-car ran into the tram. Fortunately the motorman applied the emergency brake and prevented a serious accident. The collision occurred opposite the Officers' Mess in Queen's Road East, and the driver of the motor car was a European.

Shareholders are reminded that the 54th ordinary yearly meeting of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited; the 61st ordinary yearly meeting of the British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., and the 58th ordinary yearly meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., will be held this morning at Union Building, at 11, 11.15, and 11.20, respectively.

The public in Queen's Road Central were provided with a sensation yesterday morning, when a large force of police raided a large force of police raided a Chinese druggist's store. The proprietor, a man well-known both here and in Canton, was, it was reported, placed under arrest. No official confirmation of the arrest is at present obtainable.

Sub-Inspector Shaftain of the S.C.A. yesterday morning charged four Chinese before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with printing po piu lottery tickets at No. 160, Third Street, West Point. They pleaded "guilty." The ringleader was fined $250 or four months, two of his chief assistants were fined $50 or three months each, while the fourth man was fined $25 with the alternative of one month. A complete printing press and a large quantity of type were confiscated.

The master of the Switzerland Oxy-Acetylene Wielding Works was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy with having two cylinders of oxygen and one cylinder of acetylene without the permission of the Captain Superintendent of Police. Mr. L. R. Andrewes, who appeared for the defendant said that the defendant did not know that a license was required although he knew that the goods were dangerous, and that he had erected a special matshed for storing them. Defendant was fined $20.

THE LATE MR. NG TSANG LUK.

The funeral took place yesterday morning of the late Mr. Ng Tsang Luk, who passed away at his residence, No. 1, Miu Ko Terrace, on Friday last.

The deceased, who was the proprietor of the Ng Yuen Hing firm, of Wing Lok Street, a well-known Chinese firm of importers and exporters, was a prominent figure in Chinese circles, and there was large attendance at the funeral procession. The cortege left deceased's residence at 11 o'clock and proceeded to the "Farewell Pavilion" at West Point.

"TOAST NIGHT."

PLEASANT EVENING AT EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A.

LITERARY AND DEBUTING SOCIETY DINNER.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, last evening, the occasion being a dinner given by the Literary and Debating Society, with the Directors of the Y.M.C.A. as the principal guests.

As was indicated by the title on the programme, it was "Toast Night," the idea underlying the function, apart from getting members together, being to encourage members in the art of after dinner and public speaking.

It will be remembered that the Literary and Debating Society have held other functions of this character in the past, and last evening's affair proved even more successful than the previous "Toast Night."

There were many toasts and replies, and a particularly good feature about them was that they were brief, concise, but at the same time very much to the point. Humour was shown in many instances, and altogether the dinner proved a most interesting function.

Mr. A. S. D. Cousland (Vice-President of the European Y.M.C.A.) was the Toast Master, and there were also present Major E. J Bone, R.E., Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, the Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie, the Rev. W. Walter Rogers, Mr. J. McPherson and Mr. J. H. Hunt (Secretary). Altogether the company numbered about 40.

The loyal toast was submitted by the CHAIRMAN, and afterwards Mr. A. MAY proposed the toast of "Our Servicemen," in which he paid a high tribute to their efficiency, and said how glad we were to have them among us and to be able to do something in the way of making them feel at home.

Major BONE replied, on behalf of the Services, said how much the efforts of the Y.M.C.A. entertainments and social committees on their behalf was appreciated.

Much humour came from the lips of the Rev. E. A. Wittenbach when he propounded the toast of "The Town of Mudford," and made witty reference to the "famous election" which finds a great place in the annals of the Y.M.C.A. at Kowloon.

None the less laughable was the reply of "Councillor" T. Munn, one of the "Red" candidates of the election.

"The Visitors" toast was entrusted to Mr. McArthur, and was replied to by Mr. H. Glover.

Another speech replete with humour was that made by Mr. A. Dand, and responded to by Mr. Howell.

Dr. F. R. Ashton proposed the toast of "The Press" and Mr. J. W. Keates made a suitable reply.

The Directors.

Submitting the toast of "The Toastmaster and Board of Directors," Mr. T. V. Harmon (Secretary of the Literary and Debating Society) said:

We are all very happy to have the Board of Directors with us to-night. Most of them have a long association with Y.M.C.A. followship. As far back as May 1st, 1904, when the first Y.M.C.A. was opened in the Colony, four of the present board were taking an active part. I refer to Sir Henry Pollock, who was then Vice-President, Mr. Justice Wood, Mr. Cousland and Mr. Pattenden who were at that time Active Members. It may be recalled that Sir Henry May was the first President of the local Y.M. His interest and influence cannot easily be forgotten. Then there were men like Mr. G. Piercy a past Headmaster of the Diocesian School, and the late Hon. P. Holyoak.

Still however much one would like to linger speaking of individuals, I would rather speak tonight collectively of our Board of Directors. Their work lies in directing the general policy and financial business of the Y.M. But a greater service is rendered by them in interesting and influencing people outside the Association. This they have done and are continuing to do so in no uncertain manner. It was through their work and influence that such an excellent site was secured for the erection of this fine building. It was by their efforts that $140,000 was raised by public subscription to help to pay for its cost. It is because of them, Gentlemen, that this club is what it is to-day.

Again when we turn to see what is being done for the happiness of the Service Men now in the Colony, we find that it is through their influence that two excellent buildings were obtained as recreation huts. No matter which why you turn, you cannot feel other than proud of their achievements as they are traced down in the Y.M.C.A. history of the Colony.

It would be wrong for me not to say that these remarks are readily associated with the Official members of the Board, if I may use the term. I refer to Mr. McPherson and Mr. Hunt. Both have done so much for the association, one of them continually since the Y.M.C.A. was opened in Hong Kong.

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LOCAL WILLS.

PROBATE AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED.

CHINESE ESTATES IN COLONY.

Probate of the will of Ho San Hang, *alias* Ho Fuk Sam, late of No. 24 A and B, Kennedy Road, who died at that address on January 10th, this year, has been granted to Ho Ngok Lan (his father), residing at the same address.

The estate left in the Colony amounts to $93,000, and is left in trust entirely to deceased's only son, Ho Kai Choy, until he attains the age of 21 years.

Merchant's Estate.

Letters of administration to the estate of Cheng Yat Kwong, merchant, late No. 103, Queen's Road, Central, who died on January 9th, this year at the above address, have been granted to Cheng Kwang Kwong, his brother. The estate in the Colony amounts to $11,200.

Another Will.

Letters of administration to the estate of Chin Yin Tai, *alias* Chin Thick Sam, merchant, of Shelby, Mass, U.S.A., who died at Chicago on July 27th, 1926, have been granted to the widow. The estate in the Colony amounts to $5,800.

EASMA SMOKER.

ENJOYABLE CONCERT LAST NIGHT.

Members of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association, spent a very enjoyable evening yesterday on the occasion of a smoking concert held at the Club, Queen's Road, Central.

The concert was arranged as a social gathering and with the object of getting members together in a free and informal manner.

There was a good attendance, and the excellent programme was thoroughly enjoyed from start to finish.

The items included songs by Messrs. Jeffrey, Knight and Lyden, duets by Messrs. Knight and Chilton, monologues by Messrs. P. Condon and A. Talbot, violin solos by Mr. Tanner and saxophone contributions by Mr. Chilton, who proved that very pleasant music can be obtained from this much abused instrument when it is properly played.

A pleasing feature of the programme was the Scottish dances by Pipe-Major Mackie, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, and H.M.S. *Titania's* dance band were also well received.

Lieut.-Col. F. Hayley Bell (President of the Association) was in the chair, and there were several guests present.

FOR THE BLIND.

SALE OF WORK AT KOWLOON.

The St. Andrew's Church Mothers' Union had arranged to hold a garden party and sale of work in the Vicarage grounds at Kowloon yesterday afternoon, but the weather proved unkind, and the former portion of the programme had to be eliminated.

The sale of work, however, was held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, and very successful it proved, despite the weather, there being an excellent attendance. The proceeds which are very satisfactory, will go to funds for work for the blind.

The sale was declared open by Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe who is one of the senior members of the Hong Kong Branch of the Mothers' Union, and who spoke of Mothers' Union work generally.

During the afternoon the band of the 1st Cameronians, by permission of Col. Ferrers and officers, played selections.

At the close of the sale, Mr. Lammert kindly auctioned the few articles that had not been already disposed of, so that the stalls were all cleared before the function closed down.

Mr. Cousland whom I wish to be especially remembered in making this Toast, has been Chairman of the Literary & Debating Club for this season. I have often marvelled at his patience in presiding at our debates, listening to the ravings of youth. We cannot easily forget the encouragement he has always given. His leaving brings a pang to us, and I hope if ever he consents to be Chairman of another Debating Club at Home he will speak of ours and the remarkable things we have done whilst he has been our friend and helper.

Mr. Cousland replied and expressed the pleasure of the Directors in being present and said they were only too pleased to be able to do anything they could in the interest of the Y.M.C.A. They were glad to see the way in which it had progressed.

Between the speeches songs were contributed by Mr. H. Glover (baritone) and Mr. Lake (tenor). Mr. R. Sutherland was responsible for some capital diversions.

After honouring of the toast to the Directors of the Board a mounted photograph of the Literary and Debating Society members was presented to Mr. Cousland, who is leaving.

The Billiard Cup was presented by Mr. Cousland during the evening to Mr. Taylor, the winner.

SOUTHERN ARMY ADVANCING NORTH FROM YANGTSZE.

CLAIMS TO HAVE CAPTURED CHUCHOW. ADVANCE PRECEDED BY HEAVY FIRING.

MORE HOSTILE TROOPS TO MARCH AGAINST HANKOW.

MR. EUGENE CHEN EXCLUDED FROM THE KUOMINTANG.

The Southern Army, victorious at Pukow—on the Yangtsze-kiang opposite Nanking—have consolidated their gains, and after heavy firing have driven the Northern troops along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

It is reported that the Southerners have captured Chuchow.

Hankow is still in a precarious position, with anti-Red troops now in close proxmity. Large numbers of the Chinese population are hurrying into the foreign quarters for refuge.

Comrades Borodin, Eugene Chen and other notorious "Reds" are in a plight. Borodin has evidently departed from the activities of his Government, as he is reported to have been seen at Kiukiang, after which he is believed to have gone on to Nanchang, in Kiangsi. Chen still appears to be in Hankow, and if he was not staggered by Mr. Newton's valedictory address he probably was when he received the news that the members of Kuomintang at Nanking had decided to exclude him from Kuomintang membership.

The Eastern News Agency casts doubt on the recent report that Feng Yu Hsiang had captured Honanfu, on the ground that railway communication between Hunanfu and Chengchow has not been interrupted.

STRONG INDICTMENT OF HANKOW REGIME.

"INCAPABLE OF DISCHARGING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, May 19th.

Mr. Basil Newton, the British Minister's representative at Hankow, addressed a valedictory letter to Mr. Eugene Chen in which he reviews the British Government's continued endeavours to meet the aspirations which Mr. Chen claimed to voice, hoping for a response in a spirit of sincerity and statesmanship.

The Minister had frank and friendly discussions with Mr. Chen and maintained contact by means of his personal representative, yet within a month of the Minister's departure from Hankow, the Concession was over-run and Southern troops, admitted to restore order, remained in unjustified possession. Nevertheless, to give further evidence of a desire to put their relations with the Chinese people on a satisfactory footing, the British Government made an Agreement surrendering the safeguards of their nationals and placing the ultimate responsibility for the proper administration of the Concession in the hands of the Southern authorities; but despite of continuous proof of goodwill, the conditions for British subjects in areas controlled from Hankow necessitated the evacuation from all the ports to the west of Hankow.

The climax was the murderous outrages at Nanking on March 24th. "Of the conditions at Hankow it was hardly necessary to speak. Trade was at a standstill, while the evacuations were evidence of a feeling of insecurity."

The letter concludes by stating that while there has been no change in the British policy towards the legitimate aspirations of the Chinese people, it is clear that those for whom Mr. Chen spoke, had failed to make good their claim to govern in accordance with standards of responsible modern government. Therefore the British Government had been "forced to the conclusion that the retention of the Minister's representative at the seat of a regime so totally incapable of discharging the responsibilities of a civilised government was both useless and undesirable." He was therefore leaving forthwith.

CHINESE FLOCKING IN TO FOREIGN DISTRICTS.

SHANGHAI, May 19th.

A wireless message from Hankow, dated the 19th inst., reports continued uneasiness among the Chinese, who are crowding in with luggage to the foreign districts. Anti-Red troops are concentrated at the Chinese racecourse just outside the City. Clashes with the "Reds" are expected at any time. Other anti-Red troops are 20 miles off from Hankow.

YUNNAN'S TUPAN AND "MONROE DOCTRINE."

REQUEST THAT HE BE NOT SO INDEPENDENT.

(*Wah Tsz Yat Pao*).

SHANGHAI, May 19th.

The second column of Southern troops have taken Chuchow and are steadily advancing northwards along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

As to the war situation in the northern section of Kiangsu, the first column of Southern troops crossed the Yangtsze to begin their attack on Sun Chuan Fang's troops on the night of the 17th inst.

Heavy firing continued until the morning of the 18th. It resulted in the Southerners advancing northwards far distant from the River.

Mr. Hu Han Min has telegraphed to General Tang Chi Yao, of Yunnan, to the effect that he ought not to adopt the "Monroe Doctrine" within Yunnan at present, as the unification of China depends upon the Kuomintang cause appealing to the whole nation.

General Yang Sen has telegraphed to the Nanking Government that he has ordered from the Kweichow border a division of troops under his direction to be mobilised at once for Hankow.

Marshal Chang Tso Lin has appointed General Tien Wei Chin as Border Defender-in-Chief at the border lines between Honan and Hupeh.

According to a telegraphic report from Kiukiang, M. Borodin arrived there on the 15th inst. and the next day he went to Nanchang. His mission is not known.

According to the *Eastern News Agency*, the report that Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang's troops have taken Honanfu is unreliable, as it is evident that the railway communication between Honanfu and Chengchow has not been interrupted.

MR. EUGENE CHEN.

(*Wah Tsz Yat Pao*).

SHANGHAI, May 19th.

The Central Kuomintang Government at Nanking have removed the name of Mr. Eugene Chen from the list of members of the Kuomintang.

CHIANG KAI SHEK.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, May 19th.

Chiang Kai Shek has returned to Nanking.

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"FRIGHTFULNESS" IN THE WAR.

GERMANY UNREPENTANT.

ATROCITIES DEFENDED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, May 19th.

"Frightfulness," unrestricted, is justified, according to the Reichstag Committee, whose report has been issued after seven years' enquiry into the breaches of International War Law. U-boat warfare was justified as a reprisal against the "illegal British blockade."

Gas was also legal. The air raids on London were defended on the ground that Arsenals were situated there or in the vicinity. Moreover, the raid "occurred on Sundays or at night-time when the city was empty of its population."

The opinion is expressed that the policy of reprisals was mainly responsible for violations of international law. Prisoners of war were not treated by any army in accordance with the law.

The Committee is divided regarding the deportation of 70,000 Belgian workers, but finds that the armed resistance of the Belgian civilians did not accord with the Hague Convention.

Another committee is examining the violation of Belgian neutrality.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

Hankow "Reds" Precarious Position.

HANKOW, May 18th.

Not only is Chiang Kai Shek's net gradually closing round Hankow, but there is understood to have been a defection of troops in the city itself, and a clash is feared at any moment now.

The anti-"Red" troops have concentrated, it is reliably reported, at the Chinese Race-course in Hankow, and the opinion is expressed that open hostility between these forces and those loyal to the Hankow Government cannot be long delayed.

In view of the tension, the apprehension of the Chinese civil population is increasing almost hourly. They are crowding into the ex-British Concession and the foreign districts, carrying with them all their personal belongings. It is becoming increasingly difficult to deal with the situation.

General Sha Tao Yin, who turned Nationalist last year, and who has now declared himself to be on the side of the anti-"Reds," has now at a point only twenty miles from Wuchang with his troops. His army is rapidly advancing on Wuchang and an engagement may be expected shortly.

Concerning General Yang Sen, who is said to have linked up with Wu Pei Fu's forces, there is no further information at present.

Reported Southern Set-Back.

WUHU, May 18th.

The Northerners are reported to be making a drive on the Liuanchow to Lake Hochow front, and though confirmation has not come through, it is reported that the Nationalists were severely defeated at Luchow, and are retiring.

Luchow is an important city just north of the western end of Lake Hochow.

Wuhu remains quiet.

Northerners Parting Salvo Near Pukow.

NANKING, May 18th.

The Nationalists were unable to displace the Northern field gun positions on the hill behind Pukow, but yesterday it would appear the Northerners decide to evacuate, after giving the Nationalists a few parting shots.

The guns opened up an extensive fire on an armoured train in Pukow, and on the batteries at Lion and Tiger Hills, keeping up the shell-fire all the forenoon. Afterwards nothing more was heard of the guns, and towards evening the Southern troops were observed to be advancing slowly up the hill, which had been deserted by the Northerners.

It is understood that the Shantung troops are now withdrawn to a place about 15 miles north of Pukow.

Large numbers of Southern troops are closing the river to the north bank about ten miles above Nanking. A cruiser is covering the crossings.

DESTRUCTIVE CLOUD-BURST IN U.S.A.

AFFECTS LARGE AREA: SEVERAL CASUALTIES.

CHINESE SETTLEMENT SWEPT AWAY.

[REUTER'S AMELICAN SERVICE.]

PEORIAS, Ill., May 19th.

Between 5 and 15 are believed to have been drowned as the result of a cloud-burst, which flooded the surrounding lowlands near Idaho Falls.

The pent-up torrent was freed by the collapse at Grosventre of a natural dam in North-Western Wyoming, which flooded Wilson, with a population of 500. The Chinese settlement at Kelly was swept away and 8 persons were drowned.

HORRIBLE TRAGEDY IN AMERICA.

SCHOOL DESTROYED BY DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

AT LEAST THIRTY-FIVE CHILDREN KILLED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

BATH, Michigan, May 19th.

At least 35 children were killed when the north wing of a four-storey school building was completely destroyed by an explosion of dynamite.

The school principal, one teacher and two passers-by were also killed.

Shortly prior to the explosion at the school a farmhouse and barn belonging to the school treasurer, Andrew Kehoe, were blown up and burned.

Kehoe's body was found in front of the school building.

The police discovered in the cellar of the school a huge quantity of dynamite.

Local officials and police are of opinion that Kehoe, who is believed to have been in financial difficulties, was mentally unbalanced, and caused the explosion by firing a rifle shot into a box of explosives.

THE MISSING AIRMAN.

MYSTERIOUS MESSAGE PICKED UP NEAR FALMOUTH.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 18th.

Lloyd's Lizard correspondent reports that a mysterious message in bottle, purporting to be signed by the missing airman, Nungesser, has been picked up at Porthkerris, near Falmouth.

The message says:: "Landed 75 miles latitude off Ireland engine trouble."

TRADE UNION BILL.

WORK IN COMMITTEE STAGE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 18th.

Several days' Committee Stage on the Trade Union Bill have concluded with the adoption of clause one by 295 votes to 156, comprising several Government clarifying amendments.

All of the Opposition amendments were previously rejected or guillotined.

MOTOR *v.* RAILWAY.

COLONIAL CONFERENCE DISCUSSES TRANSPORT PROBLEMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 18th.

Transport problems were discussed at the Colonial Conference, and especial attention was given to the increasing competition of motor transport with railways. The consensus of opinion emphasised the necessity for maintaining the railways as the backbone of transport systems and road programmes will be carried out in consultation with the railway administration so as to assure of motors being auxiliary to railways instead of competitors.

SMUGGLING IN CANADA.

FLEET OF PATROL VESSELS REQUISITIONED.

POWERFUL MOTOR CARS ALSO CO-OPERATE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

OTTAWA, May 19th.

A fleet of 20 patrol vessels, with a speed of 30 knots, has been commissioned by the Customs Department to prevent smuggling by rum-running vessels. The work will be in co-operation with 25 powerful motor-cars operating from strategic points in the Maritime Provinces.

PRESIDENT OF FRANCE.

RETURNS TO PARIS.

A FOREIGN OFFICE COMMUNIQUE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 19th.

M. Doumergue has returned to Paris. The Foreign Office, in a *communiqué* from M. Briand to Sir Austen Chamberlain, states that they had a long conversation, in the course of which they examined various international problems. The conversation was of the friendliest character and showed complete agreement of outlook. They were able to recognise once again the solidity of the *entente cordiale* and the necessity for strengthening the entente as the surest foundation for the peace of Europe.

KRUPP'S BUSY.

FIFTY PER CENT. AHEAD OF LAST YEAR.

BIG ISSUE OF STOCK.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, May 19th.

Messrs. Krupp's, in issuing 60,000,000 marks' worth of stock at six per cent., declare that all their branches are very busy with orders at present, being 50 per cent. above last year's figures.

OLYMPIC GAMES.

TO BE HELD IN HOLLAND NEXT YEAR.

A ROYAL CEREMONY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

AMSTERDAM, May 19th.

The Prince Consort laid the foundation stone of the Marathon Gateway of the new stadium, which is being built here for the Olympic Games of 1928.

FILIPINOS NOT WANTED IN U.S.

HOW HAWAII IS MADE A HALF WAY HOUSE.

Filipino labourers may have to be prohibited from migrating to the United States, according to Paul Scharrenberg, president of the California State Federation of Labour. Why is explained in the following article of his which appeared in the March number of the *American Federationalist*:

"With regard to Filipino immigration, the outlook is not at all encouraging. The Filipinos, while not, eligible to citizenship, are nevertheless permitted to migrate to the United States because of the peculiar status of the Philippine Islands in relation to the United States. The sugar planters of Hawaii have taken advantage of this condition to replenish their labour supply. According to the records, 74,424 Filipinos have emigrated to the territory of Hawaii during the past sixteen years. Only 15,601 returned to the Philippine Islands in the same period. If the Filipinos were satisfied to remain in Hawaii there would probably be no serious objection to that half-way migration, but as already stated the advance guard has found the road to California and unless all signs fail the not far distant future will bring forth a demand for the exclusion of our war-acquired wards in Asia."

THE MINORS' MORTGAGE.

EVIDENCE BY DEFENDANTS' SOLICITOR.

BIG COMMISSIONS.

Several witnesses were called for the defendants at the Supreme Court yesterday in the mortgage case in which Loo Kwang Lam and Loo Kwang Hin are claiming the annulment of a mortgage of $400,000 on their late father's Hong Kong property on the grounds that they were "infants" at the time of signing, February 10th, 1925.

Yesterday was the eighth day on which the case has been before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood (the acting Chief Justice), and the defence is now nearing its close. Among the witnesses called were the second defendant, and Mr. Davidson (a local solicitor) previously referred to in the case in connection with the mortgage transaction. Other witnesses were also called, but their evidence for the most part was technical.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. D. L. Strellett are for the plaintiffs and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. G. G. N., Tinson is defending.

In reply to Mr. Jenkin, Kan Tong Po, the second defendant, said he entrusted the whole of the matter to Mr. Hooper, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, and placed money in his hands for the purpose of paying it over when everything was in order.

He recollected going to Mr. Davidson's office on February 10th, 1925, and when he arrived there he saw Mr. Hooper, Li Koon Chun and others, including an interpreter named Sung and the brothers. He said Sung was explaining the contents of documents which he held, and heard him mention the names of the mortgagors, the mortgagees, and that the interest was to be charged on the four lakhs.

He heard Li Koon Chun ask an interpreter named Leung Wing Chung whether all the five brothers were of age and Leung replied in the affirmative. Li Koon Chun then pointed to Lo Kwong Lam and asked the same question, receiving an answer in the affirmative.

Replying to Mr. Potter, defendant said Li Koon Chun asked the question in an ordinary way, and he (witness) heard quite well because he was standing next to Li. Mr. Potter remarked that Li had said he asked the ages in a whisper. He wanted to make sure that there had not been a misunderstanding.

Mr. Potter pressed the defendant on the point as to whether one or two questions were asked, and defendant replied that only one was asked.

He said he did not use his interpreter to check the ages, because he left the whole matter to Mr. Hooper.

Mr. Potter: You know that there is a suggestion in this case that Lo Kwong Lam fraudelently represented himself to be 21 years of age?—Yes.

Will you give His Lordship any possible motive why this plaintiff should have falsely mis-stated his age on that occasion?

Defendant did not answer.

Mr. E. Davidson's Evidence.

Mr. Davidson, of Messrs. Hastings, Dennys and Bowley, gave evidence during the afternoon, for the defence.

In answer to Mr. Jenkin who asked him if during the negotiations concerning the mortgage he knew whether the plaintiffs were under 21, he replied that with regard to Lam (the first plaintiff) he had no record, but with regard to the second plaintiff (Hin) it never entered his head that he or his brother were under age.

His Lordship raised the point as to whether Sung (who is now dead) had been instructed by plaintiffs that they were of full age, and that he (Sung) believed them.

Mr. Jenkin then asked: When you were informed by Sung that plaintiff was no longer under age had you any reason to doubt his honesty in making that statement?

Witness: None at all. Sung told me that plaintiff was an infant and I do not see why he should afterwards tell me he was not.

Mr. Jenkin: Had you on any occasion detected Sung in the suppression of material information or of misrepresentation of material facts?

Witness: As far as I was concerned he was a perfectly satisfactory servant.

Mr. Potter said that owing to the point raised by His Lordship he would have to put some unpleasant questions to Mr. Davidson, and he did not like to question the *bona fides* of a dead man. Sung was clearly told by the first plaintiff before the original jurisdiction action that he was an infant. That was clear because the action was brought on behalf of the plaintiff suing by his friend. "I then put

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THE WILBUR PLAYERS.

"CAPPY RICKS."

CLEVER CHARACTER STUDIES.

"Cappy Ricks" is not so good a play as "Do Foolish Wives Pay," mainly because the action varies very little throughout the three acts. Amusing as are both words and situations, and excellent as Mr. Baker plays the irrascible Mr. Ricks, yet one gets tired of being shouted at for nearly three hours.

Mr. Anthony Baker is the life and soul of the piece, and is even better than he was as the trusting husband. We suspect, however, that the original script of "Cappy Ricks" has been considerably embellished during a long run. "Cappy's" flow of invective and his grunted asides come with just that slight hesitation here and there which suggests that the words are spontaneous rather than a portion of a word perfect part.

The charming young lady who shared a weird and wonderful cocktail with Mr. Baker on Wednesday and who according to the programme has since changed her name from Florence Printy to Tove Lindan, did not have much opportunity as "Ellen Morry" but she played her small part very charmingly.

Florence Ricks played by Miss Verna Mersereau *alias* Florence Printy—if we are to follow the first programme—is an excellent part needing a very fair degree of skill. A young woman who is both a minx and has a temper to match her father's is not at once sympathetic to any audience, but we began to like Florence very much after the first act.

But as we said on Wednesday all the players are good and as the sailor hero Mr. Earl Hodgins was particularly so. He is a fine looking man and carried off his rather bombastic heroics with a cheerful smile which was very attractive.

The story of "Cappy Ricks" shipbroker, with his kindly heart buried under a ferocious manner, is obvious rather than subtle. He has a daughter, whom he worships, and who falls in love with the only person he has met who can stand up to him. How he fights Malt Peasley, how he hates him and loves him at the same time, and finally capitulates comprises the whole story.

it to your Lordship," continued Mr. Potter, "that it is almost a moral certainty that an interpreter with the experience of Sung must have asked for the birthday of the plaintiffs. It is almost inconceivable he should not have asked. Then, assuming we proved the fact that his (first plaintiff's) birthday was April 25th, 1904, which this plaintiff gave, and that it was the true date, then obviously Sung was suppressing the true position. I am afraid that is a point which is still there."

Sung's Services.

Mr. Potter asked Mr. Davidson: Is it a fact that Sung bargained with these people and he was to get commission amounting to $32,000 for settlement? Do you think that particularly honest?—Witness: Well I think it rather high.

Mr. Potter: Well it is not a matter you would sanction as a well known solicitor in this Colony, is it?—Witness: Well so long as they knew each other I could do nothing.

In answer to another question, witness said it was extremely usual among Chinese to obtain commission.

Mr. Potter then referred to the fact that there was another five per cent. commission (in addition to Sung's ten per cent.) to Leung (the interpreter) and asked witness whether he seriously thought that that was any reflection on the characters of those concerned?—Witness: I call it extremely greedy, but you cannot call it dishonest if the other people knew.

Mr. Potter: You realise if it is true that all the surviving beneficiaries of the trust knew the date of age and that they were entitled as a matter of right to obtain their share of this property forthwith?—Witness: Yes.

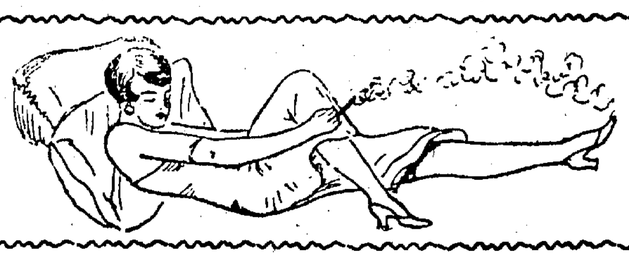
Mr. Potter: And therefore if these people were of age and Sung knew it he was really getting $32,000 for nothing at all, because they would get as a matter of right their share under the trust?—Witness agreed that Sung did not do very much.

Mr. Potter: Legally he did nothing?—Witness: Well he showed them the ropes and did a great deal of work before the action was commenced.

Mr. Potter: For which he was paid $32,000. Doesn't it come to the fact that he got them nothing else except what they were entitled to under the trust?—Witness: replied that he could form no opinion at the moment.

Mr. Potter: Well you can take it from me?—Witness: Yes.

Further evidence was submitted by Mr. Jenkin for the defence, mostly of a technical nature, and the case was adjourned until this morning.



The WOMAN'S PAGE

A BRIDGE TEA.

The problem of entertaining has to be faced by all women from time to time, and it is one which is not always easy of solution. Perhaps a bridge tea is at once the easiest, and, if well arranged, the pleasantest way to entertain a number of women friends. There are two points in favour of the bridge tea; one is that the main burden of interesting the guests is taken by the game itself, and the other that it is an easy method of enabling one's friends to get acquainted with each other. Take for example the case of Mrs. K, a newcomer to the Colony, whom you have been asked to introduce to your circle. She may be one of those shy people who will hardly open her mouth at a tea party of a lot of strangers, but, if she sits down to play bridge with them, a bond of sympathy and acquaintanceship develops with the turn of the tricks.

Two Points To Consider.

The main factor of a successful bridge tea is the choice of guests. There is, possibly, no game in which one's faults and virtues come more easily to the surface, or which is played in such widely different attitudes of mind as bridge. It hardly seems necessary to point out,



A simple morning dress in coloured and white fuji silk.

that it is a fatal mistake to invite the serious player at the same time as the woman who wants to chatter about frocks and flirtations, and, as often as not, trumps her partner's trick while so doing, yet it is by no means unusual.

Next in importance, of course, especially in the hot weather, is the arrangement of the room. Light and space are essential, but that your room should be an attractive background for your guests is equally necessary. The wise hostess will, when she arranges her room, visualise the completed party; and will, so far as is possible, plan the best setting for each guest. Mrs. A does not like to sit facing the light for obvious reasons, while her daughter's "Titian" hair would loose half its glory against a petunia coloured hanging. Then there is Mrs. B who is so fond of wearing a curious shade of purple; it would annoy them both if you placed her next to Marion, who will you know, be dressed in crushed strawberry. If you want your bridge teas to be a success your room must look pretty and your guests feel pretty, and then they will all say how pretty you are and everyone will be happy!

The Centre Of Attraction.

The hostess should be the centre of attraction, though nothing could be in worse taste than to put your guests out of countenance by being too smartly dressed. Yet at the same time every woman naturally, and rightly, wants to look her best in her own home. I saw some frocks made of fine Brussels net and lace in Lane, Crawfords, which seemed to me ideal for the hostess of a bridge tea. They are beautifully cut, and the soft flowing lines give just that suggestion of intimacy and informality which distinguishes the hostess from her guests. There are very few women who could fail to look gracious and charming in a frock of creamy net, cut with an overdress with deep vandyked side panels and wide open cuffs.

Novelties That Strike An Individual Note.

The choice of cards and scorers is very wide and a matter of personal taste. You can get cards with really lovely landscapes on the back in the same shop, or if you prefer a plainer pack, there is a wide variety of "Linette" cards which are always popular because they are easy to deal. While I was hunting for suitable prizes, I saw, in the silver department, two amusing novelties. One was a set of four silver ashtrays shaped like a heart a diamond, a club and a spade, and the other a case of a dozen tea spoons each topped by a similar symbol in enamel. Little trifles of this description, together with clean pretty cards and nicely arranged dishes of sweets, give to the tables a *soignée* look which is much appreciated by your guests.

The Prizes.

Prizes given at whist drives and bridge parties, generally fall into one of two categories, the useless novelty, and the practical little gift that everyone is glad to receive. The reason, I believe, why so many of the former are brought is that the hostess wants to give something which is original and brightly coloured. There is not the least necessity, however, for pretty gifts to be useless or practical ones plain and uninteresting. I found at Lane, Crawford's, any number of small things which were attractive from both points of view and all under $6. For instance, a small stationary compendium in a gaily coloured box with a "roll top desk" cover only costs $2.50, and there are dear little desk calendars with coloured alabaster stands for the same sum.

But for a woman's bridge tea you really need not go beyond the perfumery department. Little gifts for the toilet table are always acceptable. A bottle of Yardley's "April Violets" bath crystals would make a very pretty gift with the delicate green crystals in their well shaped bottle. As a "first" prize it might be tied with a bow of wide satin ribbon to match the crystals. I saw various small bottles of perfume with china containers shaped like storks, and in the silver department the sweetest small cut glass bottles, with enamel stoppers in various colours, for the handbag.

Powder again opens up a wide field. Puffs, bowls and compacts are wanted by everyone. It is, of course, a mistake to give the actual powder as a prize, because there are such a variety of colours and perfumes and you have a poor chance of knowing who will win even if you know the particular powder which each of your friends uses. This may seem superfluous advice, but I seem to be haunted by boxes of white powder which I never use whenever I win a prize, and no doubt there is somewhere a dazzling blonde who gets my boxes of *ochre rosée*.

I saw a little china baby cradled in a waterlily on top of a big puff at the same shop, and on another stands a smiling pierette. One can't have too many handkerchief puffs, and any woman would love a tiny enamelled compact box with a reducing mirror in the lid. Powder bowls are a little more expensive than puffs, but for a first prize an exquisite Chelsea pottery lady in full skirts would look very distinguished among your prizes and would give much pleasure to the winner.

But one could extend the list almost indefinitely—a pair of candles beautifully modelled and coloured—a silver pencil or a fountain pen, purse mirrors, and under arm razors would any of them be a wise choice. The great thing is to choose a gift which is pretty and useful, and which without being ostentatious shews that you have made your purchases not with a cold formality but with a real desire to please the guests.

THE IMPORTANCE OF WINDOWS.

Windows play a very large part in the appearance of any room. Where they are few and small every effort must be made to draw attention to them, and where they are plentiful it is essential that they receive the right treatment.

What is the function of a window? To let in light and air, to give an effect of warmth and sunshine in a cold climate, and a sense of coolness and space where it is hot. If this is so, perhaps the obvious conclusion is that one should not drape or cover windows, but such a conclusion would be quite incorrect. An undraped window is bare and unfriendly, and in hot weather does nothing to soften the glare of the sun.



A gown made from a scarf of gold and green shot lamé with a border of heavy gold mesh appliquéd with green silk.

The problem which we have to face at the moment is making our rooms as cool and restful as possible and correct window treatment can do more than anything to achieve this. Hangings in certain tones of peacock blue, mauve, old gold, or yellow, soften the light, and give an atmosphere which is suggestive of water, without unduly darkening the room. Such an effect can be heightened by the other furnishings of the room. A highly polished table placed before the window will catch the light like a pond, and a similar effect can be gained by placing a tall jar or vase of lilies on the floor on the edge of the path of light from the window. So placed, the flowers will be reflected in the polished boards, and will be a cool resting place for one's eyes.

The furnishing show rooms of Whiteaway, Laidlaw are dressed with the latest curtain materials. A hanging of shot green and gold silk tissue, upon which my eyes

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THE SCARF EVENING DRESS.

Lamé or georgette scarves with decorative borders are being made up by Parisian houses into evening dresses of a particularly attractive type for the slender figure. The scarves used for this purpose are about 2½ yards long and one yard wide. You will see the finished dress in the illustration. The curved sides, which form the deep cross over arm holes, are cut out on the figure as much of the success of the finished garment depends on the line. This, with the neck opening which should be 3 to 4 inches wide, and is cut 4 inches longer at the back than the front, and a small dart on the shoulder, is all the cutting required.

The material below the side curves is very slightly gathered into narrow lengths of ribbon in front, and to wide tie ends to match the dress at the back. The front ribbons are tied tightly behind under the back portion, and the ribbons of the back are tied in a bow in front.

It is not necessary, of course, to use an actual scarf, there are many lovely materials which could be used either plain or with the ends embroidered. For example, the soft silver tissues shot with pastel colours which you can get at the Pioneer Silk Store would be very lovely especially if the ends were boldly worked with a thick silver thread to outline a pattern in colours. I saw in the same shop some particularly soft shot taffetas in 150 different shades, which, though it is rather too narrow would, if the seams were well made, drape beautifully in this style of dress. I should not advise embroidery on this material, the changing colours would be emphasised by the fall of drapery and would be sufficient in themselves.

rested gratefully as I came up in the lift out of the glare and bustle of Des Vœux Road, made me realise what an important factor correct window hangings are in this climate. Next to it was a lovely old gold hanging with a formal design reminiscent of those stamped on old Flemish velvets. The material is Madras tissue and I thought it astonishingly cheap at $3.50 a yard.

As I turned I noticed a stand of very light and dainty hangings suitable for a bedroom or boudoir—Madras muslin with a "Morris"

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HATS FOR SUMMER DAYS.

The latest arrivals are the new summer hats and we shall give them a special welcome on account of their brims. The shingle brought with it, almost inevitably, the vogue for the hat which fits snugly round the neck with no brim at the back. But here where we get real sun, however becoming such a mode may be it is not so comfortable as the brimmed shape. One thing is almost universal, whether or no your hat has a brim, it will have a folded crown; sometimes elaborately manipulated, and often, in order to obtain a varied crown level, simply tucked down at one side or at the back.

You can always be certain of finding a few charming models at the Sign of the Lantern, which business aims at supplying both hats and dresses which, while in the latest art, are never extraordinary or *outrée*. You may rely on getting there something which is both chic and in the best taste. Among the last shipment of hats, I liked particularly a straw in very pale *bois de rose* trimmed with *gros grain* ribbon in three shades of mauve, and a mauve flower; also a peacock blue crocheted straw bound with velvet of a deeper tone with a very intricately folded crown.

Whiteaway, Laidlaw's have a large selection of new hats all most reasonably priced. Among them are some models in soft chip straw with a silky finish, which are very light to wear. The wide brims have a very becoming line and such simple hats look particularly well in conjunction with a dress of flowered voile. They have also a number of more formal shapes, in fine tagals and crocheted straws, in a wide range of colours, with high folded crowns and a band or flat rosette of *gros grain*.

diaper design of a small flower well spaced out on the material. There are three colours pink, blue, and white with a yellow flower, and it costs $1.95 a yard. The buyer for Whiteaway, Laidlaw's seems to have a flair for choosing lovely cretonnes, and I was pleased to hear when I was there on Monday, that they were expecting to receive a large shipment this week. Now that the fogs are over it is an excellent opportunity to get new loose covers made, to freshen ones rooms for the summon months.

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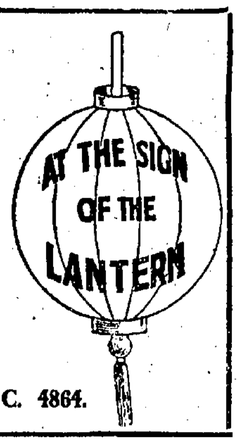
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GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS.

In view of the disturbed state of affairs in China the Government desires to have available for instant use a body of trained men to assist the regular police force in case of emergency. Such an auxiliary force can best be secured through the establishment of an enrolled and trained Police Reserve. A Police Reserve force served in Hong Kong throughout the war, and rendered most valuable services. After the war it was disbanded, and in the crisis of 1922 Special Constables were enrolled, and performed useful work. That force was purely temporary in it's nature and it was disbanded on the settlement of the seamen's strike. In 1925 a similar body of Special Constables was enrolled, and served during the most acute part of the crisis. Owing to the continuation of the anti-British boycott and the gradual increase of civil strife in China, conditions here have not since returned to normal and it is felt that the Colony should have a trained body of Police Reserves to call upon if required. The Government has accordingly instructed the Captain Superintendent of Police to organize a Police Reserve, to be composed of persons who voluntarily offer their services for this purpose.

It is proposed that the new Police Reserve should follow mainly the lines of the war time Reserve, certain modifications being introduced as a result of previous experience. The ranks will be graded similarly to those of the Regular Police Force. The discipline will also be modelled on that of the Regular Force. The officers will be appointed by H.E. the Governor and the whole force will be controlled by a Deputy Superintendent Reserve, under the final authority of the C.S.P. The force will be uniformed, and will ultimately be armed with the Service Rifle or Carbine. Preliminary training will be confined to instruction in Police duties, revolver practice, and a modicum of squad drill. The term of service will normally be three years, subject to reduction in exceptional circumstances. Members will be required to take an oath of allegiance and to sign an agreement to serve for three years. It is proposed that members of the Reserve should be paid for each day's duty performed when called out for service: if Government concurs. No scale of pay has yet been fixed, but it is intended purely to compensate members for out of pocket expenses, and not in any way to approximate to a full wage. Senior ranks will receive a monthly salary as their duties will be largely of an administrative nature. Some of these proposals will involve alterations to the existing Ordinance, but the Reserve will probably commence operations under Ordinance 27 of 1914. An amending Ordinance may then be introduced later, to incorporate improvements which are found to be necessary. The scheme includes the grants of rewards for especially good work and compensation for injuries received. Members will be detailed for duty as far as possible in their home districts, and in their spare time.

In the mean time the Special Constabulary which served in 1925, has again been prepared for service, thanks to the efforts of the Inspectors in charge of the different contingents. During the formation period of the Police Reserve the Special Constabulary will continue to function and will thus ensure that there will be no lack of continuity in the existence of auxiliary forces for Police purposes. As an oath of allegiance is required under the existing Police Reserve ordinance, members of the different foreign communities will be invited to give their services as Special Constables. Many are already serving in the different contingents and the American Community under the able guidance of Mr. Duclos has a strong contingent ready for action.

It is hoped that those who have the interests of the Colony at heart, and who are either unfitted for, or find it inconvenient to join, the Volunteer Defence Corps or other auxiliary forces, will enrol in the new Police Reserve, and thus help to provide a force which will automatically come into operation in the event of any threat to the peace and good order of the Colony. The mere existence of such a force, in which it is hoped that representatives of all the large communities of the Colony will be found, should tend to forestall the efforts of intimidators. Evilly disposed persons would find the average citizen fortified in the reflection that ample guarantee exists for the protection of his person and property. Should a crisis occur, however, great the inconvenience endured, the public would be confident in the capability of the regular police force assisted by a trained reserve of maintaining "that quiet, peace, and security, which is guaranteed by the laws for the personal comfort of every individual."

INDIAN WATCHMEN AT LOGGERHEADS.

LOADED STICKS AND WOUND-SCALPS.

A FIGHT IN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

In these hard days one has to fight for a job, and five Indian watchmen who are said to have done this are now held on a charge of assaulting two of their fellow countrymen. It is alleged that in the affray long sticks, heavily loaded with iron, were used and the result was that the two complainants had to be admitted into the Government Civil Hospital to have their broken craniums treated.

It will be recalled that the first assault committed by these men was on the No. 1 watchman employed at Messrs. A. S. Watson's depot. Two days after another man was assaulted at Castle Road. His fault was that he had gone to the hospital to see the man who had been assaulted first.

Yesterday when the men appeared on remand before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy, Mr. T. H. King, Director of the Criminal Intelligence Department, told the Court that since the last hearing, the parties had met and arbitrators were employed to settle the matter, but the Police refused to drop the case in view of the fact that the trouble was anticipated by the Police and that a special squad of constables had been sent out to keep a watch on rowdy Sihks. "They must be taught that they could not have special Police out for their pleasure," said Mr. King.

Evidence was then given by Dr. J. R. Craig who said that the first complainant had a scalp wound about 4 inches long and half an inch deep. He was detained in hospital for three days. The wound could have been inflicted by a stick like the one produced in Court. The second defendant had a scalp wound and one on the forehead, but they were not so serious and took only one night to put right.

Answering Mr. McCallum, who appeared for the defence, witness said that the wounds could have been caused by falling against a blunt curbstone.

A Chinese detective spoke to seeing three of the defendants outside a silk store in Queen's Road West with those ugly looking sticks in their hands. He at once reported to the European inspector who was at the corner of Pedder Street. The result was that the Indians were arrested and taken to the Police Station.

Opening his defence, Mr. McCallum put the first defendant in the box. His evidence was to the effect that he was not carrying a stick on the day when the first complainant was assaulted. In a melee in which he (witness) took no part, the complainant felt and broke his head.

The case was adjourned until to-day.

"JOIN THE GUILD, OR —"

BLACKSMITH' UNION MEMBERS SENTENCED FOR THREATS.

SILLY EXCUSES SWEPT ASIDE.

"You will be killed if you do not join the guild," was the threat held out to three Chinese blacksmiths by two members of the Blacksmiths' Union, and what they actually did was narrated in Court yesterday morning, when the two zealous guildsmen were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with intimidation.

The prosecuting sergeant outlining the case said on May 8th the two accused went to the three complainants and ordered them to join the Blacksmiths' Union. The complainants said that they could not avail themselves of the honour owing to the lack of funds at their disposal. The defendants angrily retorted that they would be killed if they would not join up.

Later in the day, the complainants went to a teahouse for their mid-day repast, and when they came out of the shop they were set upon by the defendants. One of the defendants received a cut in the eye.

"Out Of Your Own Mouth."

After all three complainants had corroborated this story, accused were asked what they had to say.

First accused admitted that he did ask the complainants to join the guild but said he did not use any threats.

Asked why the complainants had brought the case against him accused suggested that they were frigtened.

Mr. Lindsell: Out of your own mouth you have condemned yourself. You must have used some threat for them to be frightened.

Accused: I mean that they became frightened when No. 2 assaulted one of them. I don't know why he did it.

Second accused admitted he assaulted first complainant, and said he did so because the latter owed his friend $8 for wages due.

Magistrate: What business is that of yours—My friend authorised me to collect the money and complainant refused to pay.

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A DISCIPLE OF FAGIN?

CHINESE ATALANTAS' CHASE IN YAUMATI.

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD CHARGED WITH PICKING POCKETS.

According to a case that came up yesterday they start them along the rugged path of life early in Cathay. A 12-year-old girl pickpocket went out one fine sunny day on a professional exploit it is alleged. She trotted along the highways of Yaumati for quite a while until she bumped against two women who were hiking to a second hand store in search of bargains.

The supposed little pickpocket doggedly followed her prey and when the women arrived at their destination they at once got into a long discourse on jade bangles with the keeper of the second hand "junk" shop. While the obliging shopman was telling the women about jades and its imitations the little thief, complainant said, undid two side buttons of her jacket, and with a deft finger extracted a pile of 11 one dollar notes.

Race Through Yaumati.

The victim felt a jerk and when she looked round, she saw the little girl doing the 100 yard dash in record time. Without further ado, the two women who found Chinese trousers less of a handicap than skirts, gave chase. Pursuers and pursued ran along several alleys, and a crowd gathered and were looking on laughing, instead of helping the forces of law and order. Then the girl suddenly ran into a house and hid herself in the kitchen. The two women boldly followed into the kitchen and pulled the alleged pickpocket out by the ears.

Screaming and whimpering, the girl called upon her deities to witness her innocence. But the women were not convinced, and the girl eventually dived into her pocket, brought out ten dollars which she handed to the infuriated owner asking her to take the money and make herself scarce.

The woman on finding that there was one dollar short did not close with the bargain. She said she must have her 11 dollars back and not a cent less. The little minx did not want to part with the dollar, and to the Police Station they all went.

Yesterday when brought before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy, the little prisoner said that she did not steal the money and had never offered the woman ten dollars. She said she had never possessed such a princely sum before and that when she was taken to the Police Station, no money was found in her pocket. "Why, I have a father and he would say how good a little girl I am," said the little one. The father, she said, is employed on board some steamer and would be back soon.

His Worship remanded the case for 48 hours.

BOBBED HAIR AND TEMPTATION.

YOUNG WOMAN TO BE CHARGED WITH THEFT.

We all have heard of how Samson lost his strength by having his hair shorn off, and a good instance was gleaned from a Police report yesterday, of how a young Chinese lady who follows the fashion by bobbing her hair, lost her strength to fight against temptation.

This smartly dressed young person was staying with some friends at No. 229, Queen's Road West, and one day a new silk dress in the latest vogue belonging to one of the ladies in the house disappeared. Not the slightest suspicion was levelled at her, but, as is generally the case, the servant was blamed.

The servant, in order to vindicate herself, went from pawnshop to pawnshop making enquiries, until she came to one where the *foki* said that such a dress as she described had been pawned there by a young lady with bobbed hair.

The servant heaved a sigh of relief, went to her mistress and told her the full story. The mistress summoned the bobbed haired one and asked her what she had done with the dress. "What, you accused me," she said, pouting indignantly. "Well, we will go to the pawnshop together and see if anyone there accuses me," she added. To the pawnshop they went, and a *foki* who either lacked the sense of chilvary towards women or was over-burdened with a feeling for truth boldly said "yes, this is the lady who brought the dress here to pawn."

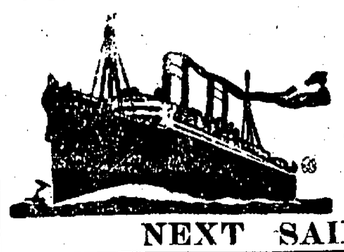
The smartly dressed young lady was marched to No. 7 Police Station where she is being detained on a charge of larceny.

What is his name, and where can he be found?—He has gone to the country.

Magistrate: Of course of course, he can't be found now!

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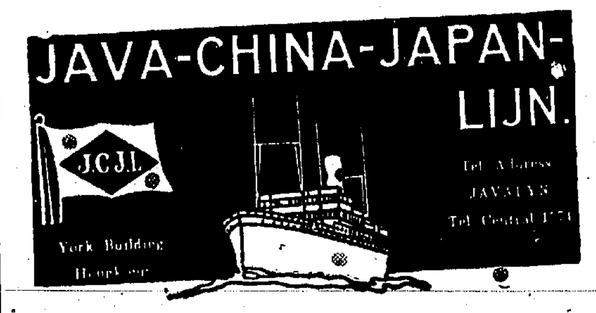
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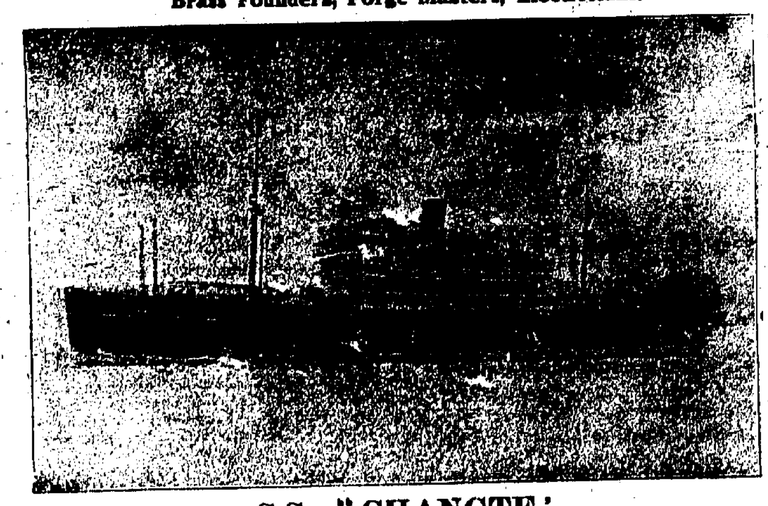
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ARRIVALS.

May 18th.

Altai Maru, Japanese str., 4,846 tons, Capt. R. Yamanoi, from Rotterdam and Singapore. The latter port she left on May 12th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Fingal, Norwegian str., 1,243 tons, Capt. N. Bull Melsom, from Keelung, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C49.—Thore-Thoresen & Co.

Fuk Tai, Chinese str., 1,016 tons, Capt. A. Buhre, from Sandakan and Jesselton, with firewood general cargo, lying at buoy No. C36.

Mito Maru, Japanese str., 4,357 tons, Capt. M. Uchino, from Hamburg and Singapore. The latter port she left on May 13th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A29.—N.Y.K.

Ravenfjell, Norwegian str., 1,420 tons, Capt. B. Ribssky, from Chinwangtao, with a cargo of coal, lying at Laichikok.—Dodwell & Co.

Telemachos, British str., 1,340 tons, Capt. E. Holmes, from Saigon, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. A8.—Wo Fat Shing.

Tomes Maru, Japanese str., 1,305 tons, Capt. T. Nakamura, from Keelung, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C53.—M.B.K.

May 19th.

Celebes Maru, Japanese str., 5,863 tons, Capt. S. Takeya, from Moji, with 757 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf. O.S.K.

Hin Sang, British str., 1,885 tons, Capt. T. Grant, from Sandakan, with 4,190 tons timber and general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

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Tango Maru, Japanese str., 4,385 tons. Capt. Matsuda, from Melbourne and Manila. The latter port she left on May 17th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Tenshin Maru, Japanese str., 2,477 tons, Capt. H. Kaneko, from Lungkow and Dairen, with general cargo and coal, lying at buoy No. A26.—M.B.K.

CLEARANCES.

May 19th.

Altar Maru, for Shanghai.
Celebes Maru, for Singapore.
Chak Sang, for Singapore.
City of Kobe, for Shanghai.
Dorry, for Swatow.
Fingal, for Canton.
Hydrangea, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Kiungchow, for Swatow.
Mito Maru, for Shanghai.
Prosper, for Saigon.
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Wong Shek Kung, for Saigon.

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June	21	San Francisco	Homeric	July	23	C'brg-S'hmptn	July 29
June	29	Seattle	Leviathan	Aug.	1	P'mth-C'brg	Aug. 7
July	5	San Francisco	Majestic	Aug.	6	C'brg-S'hmptn	Aug. 12
July	13	Seattle	Berengaria	Aug.	10	C'brg-S'hmptn	Aug. 16
July	19	San Francisco	Leviathan	Aug.	20	P'mth-C'brg	Aug. 26
July	27	Seattle	Aquitania	Aug.	24	C'brg-S'hmptn	Aug. 30
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WAKASA MARU Saturday, 28th May

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.
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ASUKA MARU Thursday, 16th June

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.
DURBAN MARU Wednesday, 15th June

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
YAMAGATA MARU Saturday, 21st May
MOJI MARU Monday, 30th May

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
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M.S. "Afrika"	...	21st May	21st June.
M.S. "Malaya"	...	12th June	—
M.S. "Danmark"	...	10th July	—

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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront News, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL IMPORTS LOW; THROUGH CARGOES HEAVY.

JAPANESE VESSELS BEST CONTRIBUTORS.

Although there were only nine vessels arriving here during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, freights manifested for other ports were heavy, with Japanese vessels carrying about 85 per cent. of the total amount. Local imports were low.

There were only 6,222 tons of general merchandise imported. Of these, 668 tons were discharged from two British vessels.

The two best returns were 2,368 tons and 1,800 tons. The former were brought by the *Ceylon Maru* from Calcutta and Singapore, and the latter from Sandakan by the Chinese steamer *Fuh Tai*.

Through cargoes which were manifested on four vessels amounted to 19,971 tons. Of these, 5,432 tons were on one British steamer and 14,439 tons on three Japanese vessels.

Rice And Coal.

In addition to general merchandise, there were two shipments of rice and coal imported into the Colony. The former commodity amounted to 3,800 tons, and the latter 2,800 tons.

There were also 1,696 tons of coal manifested for other ports.

The arrivals and departures were: British, 2 arrivals and 7 departures; Japanese, 3 arrivals and 2 departures; Norwegian, 3 arrivals and 3 departures; Chinese, 1 arrival and 2 departures; Chinese, 1 arrival and 2 departures; Dutch, 1 departure; French, 1 departure; American, 1 departure.

There were 55 vessels in port, of which, 15 were British.

The following were the cargo-carriers:—

S.S. *Telemachus* (British) from Saigon, 1,800 tons rice and 240 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *City of Kobe* (British) from Dunkirk and Singapore, 428 tons general for Hong Kong and 5,432 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Hermod* (Norwegian) from Bangkok, 2,000 tons rice for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Ravenfjell* (Norwegian) from Chinwangtao, 1,500 tons coal for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Fingal* (Norwegian) from Keelung, 1,300 tons coal for Hong Kong and 1,696 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Celebes Maru* (Japanese) from Yokohama and Moji, 757 tons general for Hong Kong and 5,280 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Nitto Maru* (Japanese) from Hamburg and Singapore, 629 tons general for Hong Kong and 7,378 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Ceylon Maru* (Japanese) from Calcutta and Singapore, 2,368 tons general for Hong Kong and 1,771 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Fuh Tai* (Chinese) from Sandakan and Jesselton, 1,800 tons general for Hong Kong.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

AN EARLY MORNING RAID.

TAIKOO DOCK TO RECONSTRUCT "TJILEBOET."

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

A Brave Junk Mistress.

In the early hours of yesterday morning, robbers attacked a junk which was anchored at Yaumati Bay. Their attempt to loot the junk was frustrated but they shot down the master of the craft.

From a report made to the Police it appeared that a small rowing boat containing five men went alongside the junk whose occupants were fast asleep. The mistress when awakened by the noise, found her husband struggling with an armed man. Her son and her daughter-in-law were being bound by three other robbers. This plucky woman at once blew her Police whistle and sent out a tremendous yell of "save life." The robbers then centred their attention on her, but she jumped overboard and swam ashore. While she was in the water she heard a shot fired and when she returned to the boat later with the Police, she found that her husband had been shot and rather seriously wounded in the chest.

The robbers had decamped and nothing had been taken. The wounded man was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

Rebuilding Of "Tjileboet."

The rebuilding of the s.s. *Tjileboet* which was cut into two parts following her grounding at Ling Tin Island, will be undertaken at the Taikoo Dock where the stern half at present lies.

This statement was made by the local offices of the Java-China-Japan Lijn as a result of a cable received from Batavia to the effect that the tender of the Taikoo Dock had been accepted.

Work has already been commenced and it was stated that it would take six months to complete the rebuilding.

Chinese Passengers' Entry.

There were only 66 Chinese deck passengers entering the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.

Dangerous Goods.

Dangerous good manifested on the vessels arriving here yesterday were 8,420 packages of matches by the s.s. *Santhia* from Osaka.

By the *Attar Maru* the following were manifested:—6,000 casks chlorate of potash for Hong Kong; for Newchwang, 4,650 casks; for Shanghai, 50 cases; for Kobe, 300 bottles of formic acid; 60 drums alcohol for Yokohama and 1 case pistol cartridges for Dairen.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

North Wall, *Danae*; East Wall *Thracian* and Subs. *L15* and *L19*; North *Arm*, *Titania*; In Dock, *Wivern* and *Verity*; Taikoo Dock; *Aphis*; Kowloon Dock, *Hermes* and *Ladybird*; Coaling Camber, *L9*; Buoy 6, *Frobisher*; Buoy 7, *Delhi*; Buoy 8, *Dragon*; Buoy 9, *Petersfield*; Buoy 10, *Sterling*; Buoy 11, *Somme* and *Sepoy*; Buoy 12, *Bruce*; Buoy 13, *Marazion*; Buoy 18, *Ruthenia* and *Kharki*; Buoy 20, *Francol*; Buoy 25, U.S.S. *Helena*; Buoy 2A, H.S. *Maine*; Buoy A25, *War Bharata*; Oil Fuel Jetty, *Fortal*.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Adrastus (Blue Funnel), due July 15th.
Agapenor (Blue Funnel), due May 27th.
Antenor (Blue Funnel), due July 20th.
Arafura (E. & A.), due July 4th.
Automedon (Blue Funnel), due tomorrow.
Berengar (N.D.L.), due May 23rd.
Deucalion (Blue Funnel), due June 25th.
Fulda (Melchers), due May 31st.
Helenus (Blue Funnel), due June 23rd.
Ixion (Blue Funnel), due July 3rd.
Kalyan (P. & O.), due June 9th.
Kashgar (P. & O.), due July 7th.
Macedonia (P. & O.), due June 23rd.
Machaon (Blue Funnel), due June 12th.
Mantua (P. & O.), due May 26th.
Novara (P. & O.), due June 28th.
Orestes (Blue Funnel), due June 5th.
Patroclus (Blue Funnel), due June 22nd.
Perseus (Blue Funnel), due July 7th.
Pyrrhus (Blue Funnel), due June 17th.
Rawalpindi (P. & O.), due July 21st.
Sarpedon (Blue Funnel), due May 25th.
St. Albans (E. & A.), due June 6th.
Tanda (E. & A.), due May 31st.
Telemachus (Blue Funnel), due July 29th.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, May 19th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.84	29.83	29.83
Temperature	79	75	85
Humidity	87	96	77
Wind—			
Direction	ESE	E	SE
Force	4	3	3
Weather	O	OR	O
Rain	0.21	0.00	2.14

Highest open-air Temperature, 18th: 79
Lowest open-air Temperature, 19th: 75

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From May 20th to 26th, 1927.

Days of Week	Date of Month	High Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.	Low Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Fri.	20	m 0 1	4 1	m 4 11	3 2
		m10 34	7 3	6 33 a	0 9
Sat.	21	m 1 23	3 8	m 4 32	3 4
		m11 15	7 2	7 30 a	1 0
Sun.	22	m 3 8	3 7	m 5 0	3 6
		0 6 a	7 0	8 34 a	1 1
Mon.	23	m 4 34	3 9	m 5 46	3 8
		1 12 a	6 6	9 41 a	1 2
Tues.	24	m 5 19	4 2	m 7 7	4 1
		2 36 a	6 2	10 44 a	1 3
Wed.	25	m 5 55	4 6	m10 3	4 0
		4 14 a	5 9	11 38 a	1 4
Thur.	26	m 6 25	5 0	m11 38	3 4
		5 39 a	5 7		

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"MOREA"	10,953	28th May	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,935	11th June	Marseilles and London.
"KHIVA"	9,135	18th June	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,946	25th June	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,144	9th July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	23rd July	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	6th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	20th Aug.	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	3rd Sept.	Marseilles., London, & Antwerp

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"SANTHIA"	7,754	21st May, 9 a.m.	Singapore, Penang and Calcutta
"TALAMBA"	8,018	10th June	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

"TANDA"	6,956	3rd June	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st July	
"ARAFURA"	6,000	29th July	

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"MANTUA"	10,946	27th May,	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TREBARTHA",	4,597	28th May	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	7th June	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,144	10th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	24th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
*"NOVARA"	6,989	28th June	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th July	Moji, Kobe Osaka & Yokohama.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	8th July	S'hai., Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	22nd July	Shanghai.
"KHYBER"	9,114	5th Aug.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MOREA"	10,953	19th Aug.	do.
"KHIVA"	9,135	2nd Sept.	do.
"MALWA"	10,986	16th Sept.	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	30th Sept.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	14th Oct.	do.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	28th Oct	do.

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Shanghai & Europe via Siberia ...	*Hessen*	20th May
Japan & Shanghai	*Kashima Maru* ...	20th May
Shanghai	*Luchow*	20th May
Europe via Negapatam (letters and papers, London, 21st April)	*Kumsang*	21st May
Shanghai	*Suiyang*	21st May
Straits	*Automedon* ...	21st May
Manila	*Pres. Cleveland* ...	22nd May
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai...	*Pres. Madison* ...	23rd May
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	*Pres. Harrison* ...	23rd May
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	*Taiyo Maru* ...	23rd May
Japan...	*Miwarna Maru* ...	24th May
Japan & Shanghai	*Athos II*	24th May
Saigon	*Anyers*	24th May
Shanghai	*Morea*	27th May
Straits	*Hakozaki Maru* ...	28th May
Manila	*Emp. of Canada*...	30th May
Shanghai	*Aeneas*	30th May

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Japan	*Tango Maru* ...	Friday, 20th, 9.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hoi Ning* ..	1.00 P M
Bangkok	*Dampo* ...	1.30 P M
Manila	*Hessen*	2.30 P M
Straits and Calcutta	*Santhia* ...	Parcels 4.00 P M, Letters 5.00 P M
		Kowloon P.O. Reg. 4.30 P M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th June	*Kashima Maru*	Saturday, 21st, Reg. 9.00 A M
		G P O. Saturday, 21st, Reg. 8.45 A M, Letters 9.30 A M
Japan, Canada, *U.S.A., *C. & *S. America & *EUROPE via Victoria, B.C. —due Victoria, B.C., 17th June ...	*Protesilaus* ...	Par., 20th, 5.00 P M, Reg. 21st, 9.45 A M, Letters 10.30 A M
Fort Bayard, Hoihow & Haiphong	*Song Bo*	Saturday, 21st, 9.00 A M
Straits	*Kwaisang* ..	1.30 P M
Wei Hai Wei	*Kuesnow* ...	2.30 P M
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia	*Szechuen*	2.30 P M
Saigon	*Yuan Jen* ...	2.30 P M
Amoy	*Antung* ...	5.00 P M
*Swatow and Bangkok	*Kwangchow* ...	Sunday, 22nd 8.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	*Hoian Maru* ...	9.00 A M
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15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

Authorised Capital£3,000,000
Subscribed Capital£1,800,000
Paid-up Capital£1,050,000
Reserve Fund and Rest...£1,545,667

BANKERS:
THE BANK OF ENGLAND and MIDLAND BANK, LTD.

BRANCHES:

Bangkok	Kandy	Penang
Batavia	Karachi	Port Louis (Mauritius)
Bombay	Kota Bharu	Rangoon
Calcutta	Kuala Lumpur	Shanghai
Colombo	Kuantan	Simla
Delhi	(Pahang)	Singapore
Galle	Madras	Sourabaya
Hong Kong	New York	
Howrah		

HONG KONG BRANCHES:
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts to 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.
C. L. C. SANDES, Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central,
Hong Kong, 19th April, 1927. [29

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Capital fully paid-up Yen 100,000,000
Reserve Fund... Yen 92,500,000

HEAD OFFICE: YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES AT:

Alexandria	Honolulu	Rangoon
Batavia	Kai Yuen	Saigon
Bombay	Karachi	Soerabaya
Buenos Ayres	Kobe	San Francisco
Calcutta	London	Seattle
Canton	Lyons	Semarang
Changchun	Los Angeles	Shanghai
Dairen (Dalny)	Manila	Singapore
Fengtien (Mukden)	Nagasaki	Shimonoseki
Hamburg	Nagoya	Sydney
Hankow	Newchwang	Tientsin
Harbin	Osaka	Tokyo
Hong Kong	New York	Tsinanfu
	Peking	Tsingtau
	Rio de Janeiro	
	Vladivostock (Temporarily closed)	

Interest allowed on Current Accounts Deposits received for Fixed Periods a rates to be obtained on application.
H. MORI, Manager.
Hong Kong, 11th March, 1927 [35

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.
Head Office:
96, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital...Frs.72,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ...Frs.68,400,000.00
Reserve Fund Frs.89,384,519.10

BRANCHES:

Bangkok	Hanoi	Pondicherry
Battambang	Hong Kong	Saigon
Cantho	Mengtsz	Shanghai
Canton	Nam-Dinh	Singapore
Djibouti	Noumea	Tientsin
FortBayard	Papeete	Tourane
Haiphong	Peking	Yunnanfou
Hankow	Pnom-Penh	

BANKERS:
IN FRANCE: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Crédit Industriel et Commercial; Société Générale.
IN LONDON: The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais.
IN NEW YORK: J. P. Morgan & Co.; French-American Banking Corporation; Guaranty Trusty Co., of New York.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposit according counts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Safe Deposit Boxes to let.
CH. LEM,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 26th February, 1927. [32

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE: HONG KONG.
No. 10, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ... $10,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL... 5,000,000
RESERVE... 1,200,000

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:—

Batavia	Melbourne	San Francisco
Bombay	Nagasaki	Seattle
Calcutta	New York	Semarang
Canton	Osaka	Singapore
Haiphong	Paris	Sourabaya
Honolulu	Peking	Sydney
Kobe	Penang	Taipeh
Kowloon	Rangoon	Tientsin
London	Saigon	Tokyo
Manila	Shanghai	

Correspondents in all principal cities of the world.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Loans granted on approved securities.
SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES TO LET.
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 9th March, 1927

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD.
(TAIWAN GINKO.)

Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter, 1899.

Capital Subscribed ...Yen 45,000,000
Capital (Paid-up) Yen 29,375,000

HEAD OFFICE:—TAIPEH, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES:
JAPAN:—Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka.
FORMOSA:—Giran, Kagi, Karenko, Keelung, Makong, Nanto, Shinchiku, Taichu, Tainan, Takao, Tamsui, Toen, Heito, Taito.
CHINA:—Shanghai, Hankow, Amoy, Foochow, Swatow, Canton.
OTHERS:—Hong Kong, Singapore, Soerabaya, Semarang, Batavia, Bombay, London, New York, Calcutta.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE LONDON COUNTY WESTMINSTER AND PARR'S BANK.

The Bank has Correspondents in the Commercial Centres in the European Continent, Russia, Manchuria, Tsingtao, Japan, Indo-China, Siam, India, Philippine Islands, Java, Africa, &c.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts, and Fixed Deposits at Rates which will be quoted on application.
T. TAKAGI,
Manager,
HONG KONG BRANCH,
9, Des Vœux Road, Central
Hong Kong, 11th May, 1926. [27

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.
Established 1912.
HEAD OFFICE: HONG KONG.

Hong Kong Currency
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....$17,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL 8,864,200
RESERVE FUND 850,000

Branches:—
CANTON, SHANGHAI, HANKOW, SWATOW BANGKOK, NEW YORK and SAN FRANCISCO.

London Bankers:—
THE LLOYDS BANK, LTD.
Correspondents
In all Principal Cities of the World.
Foreign Exchange and Banking Business of every description transacted.
Safe Deposit Boxes (various sizes) at a Yearly Rental of from $5 to $40.
LOOK POON SHAN,
37] Chief Manager.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

Paid-up Capital£3,000,000
Reserve Fund£4,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors£3,000,000

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES

ALOR STAR (Malay States)	IPOH.	RANGOON
AMRITSAR	KARACHI	SAIGON
BANGKOK	KLANG	SEMARANG
BATAVIA	KOBE	SEREMBAN
BOMBAY	KUALA KANGSAR	SHANGHAI
CALCUTTA	KUALA LUMPUR	SINGAPORE
CANTON	KUCHING	SOURABAYA
CAWNPORE	MADRAS	TAIPING
COLOMBO	MANILA	(F.M.S.)
DELHI	MEDAN	TIENTSIN
HAIPHONG	NEW YORK	TOKYO
HAMBURG	PEKING	TSINGTAO
HANKOW	PENANG	YOKOHAMA
HONG KONG	PESHAWAR	ZAMBOANGA
ILOILO	PUKET	(Philippine Islands).

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
J. R. GEORGE,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927. [30

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE POUR LE COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE.
(Incorporated in France).

5, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong.
HEAD OFFICE:
74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.

Capital, fully paid up Frs. 40,000,000
Special Working Capital Frs. 50,000,000
Reserves Frs. 13,276,000

BRANCHES:

Paris	Lyons	Marseilles
Saigon	Haiphong	Hanoi
Pnom Penh	Peking	Tientsin
Shanghai	Hong Kong	

BANKERS:
France: Société Generalé, Banque Nationale de Crédit, Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas.
London: Midland Bank, Ltd.
New York: Irving Bank, Columbia Trust Co.
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Correspondents throughout the World.
A. ROLLIN,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 21st April, 1927.

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